

## Ornstein Captures S.A. Presidency On Second Try

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The second time proved successful for Len Ornstein. In the election for student association president, Ornstein defeated opponents Heather Jacobs and Mike Tadde by a vote of 424-369-154, according to Jim Cordone, co-chair of the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee.

Other winners include Heather Mullins for S.A. vice president, Sooki Danosky for honor council president, Jasper White for judicial chairperson, Angela Jensvold for Legislative Committee chairperson and Maureen Stinger for academic affairs chairperson.

According to Cordone, the Honor Constitution amendments passed by a vote of 732-129. All six of the proposed amendments to the S.A. constitution passed with the most important changes including giving

appointed Senate Board members the right to vote on motions made in Senate and insuring that all S.A. officers maintain a 2.2 cumulative grade point average in order to hold office.

According to Amy Mumpower, current S.A. vice president, 1,042 students voted in the Feb. 19 election. "It took us two hours to count all the votes and it was very stressful because it was such a close race," Mumpower said.

S.A. President Devon Williams said she was surprised by some of the results but said she believes that the newcomers will bring a fresh outlook to the student association.

"I think it's good to get new people in because they give a new perspective and can give new ideas towards things," Williams said.

Ornstein, who has been involved with student government since his

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S.A. President-elect Len Ornstein

## Inter-Varsity R.A.s Charged With Bias

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Complaints from residents and resident assistants in several dorms have compelled administrators and staff to look into what they say is the ongoing abuse of authority by many R.A.s belonging to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Club.

At least 23 of the 88 R.A.s on campus are active members of I.V., and though all of these R.A.s say they are able to separate their beliefs from their jobs, many of their residents say they feel alienated by their R.A.s' intolerance of diverse religious beliefs.

Residents in Mason Hall, where five of the eight R.A.s are in I.V., and Randolph Hall in particular have voiced complaints about their R.A.s.

Complaints include charges of alienating residents who refuse to participate in I.V. activities, bringing anti-gay speakers to campus and condemning residents with diverse religious beliefs.

I.V. members say, however, that residents misunderstand the role religious beliefs play in the duties of R.A.s.

Before spring break, the R.A. selection process will be over and candidates will have been selected for the 1993-94 session. Candidates who have already received notification letters and are awaiting placement in dorms.

However, the training that follows the selection process may be altered in order to promote a greater accep-

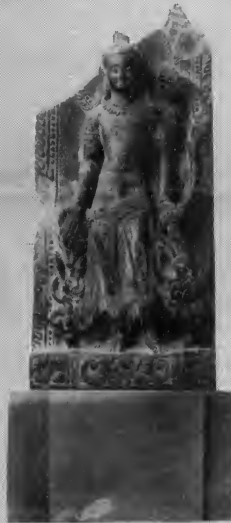
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## The Buddha: Tranquility Through Meditation

Seated Buddha, top, and the Buddhist Deity Manjushri, right, part of the Leidecker Collection now on display in the Ridderhof-Martin Gallery. See story page 9.

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## AIDS: Now It's My Problem

By Denise Boyd  
Special to the Bulletin

I was not close to my Uncle Bill while he was alive. My only clear memories of him come from the weekend trip my family took to New York the year preceding his death. If someone had told me, however, that my uncle's dying would mean more to me than the time we spent together during his life, I might have laughed. But that was before AIDS.

What happened to my Uncle Bill was tragic, in the sense that any painful death caused by a disease that leaves doctors helpless and families wondering what might have been is tragic. My uncle led a full life for forty-seven years, and during the entire time we sat around waiting for the funeral to start I never heard anyone voice a sense of regret about not saying goodbye to Bill.

I guess that is why I felt odd. My uncle had given me a new outlook on life and I had never thanked him, never told him how his experience of having AIDS had made me grow into a stronger person. I may never have told him, but I want others to know what it is like for AIDS to touch the life of a heterosexual twenty-something female. Up until Uncle Bill got AIDS, I had spent most of my life in a small southern town where things like AIDS existed, but existed as someone else's problem. When I visited Uncle Bill in New York, AIDS became MY problem.

### A Trip To New York

On a cold December day two years ago, my family piled into the car to visit my uncle in New York City. When we pulled into the parking garage across from Bill's apartment, I had no idea what the weekend would hold. That night we ate at a French restaurant where I tasted my first escargot. The next day we shopped, ate out and that evening, we toured the city. My uncle drove a convertible, so we took the top off in order to look at New York at Christmas time. My earmuffs, gloves and winter coat kept me warm as the smell of exhaust fumes swirled about the black interior of the Saab. Once we returned to the apartment, Bill surprised us when he lit the candles that he and his lover, Volker, had put on their Christmas tree.

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Photo Mike Woodward  
Child at local shelter

## Who Are the Homeless of Fredericksburg?

### New Essex St. Shelter Approaches Capacity

By Rafael Mazzarasa  
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There is no smoking allowed inside the Thurman Brisen Homeless Shelter. Those who want to smoke have to do so outside. At all times of the day you can find a group of residents with lit cigarettes sitting like a welcome committee outside the main door. One of them, a big guy with crutches under his arms, is staring at my jacket as I approach the shelter. "Oh well," he says. "We've got a biker." He scratches his beard. "Are you checking in man?" I shake my head. Just visiting.

Barbara Gear, the president of the shelter's board of directors is sitting at the front desk surrounded by



Thurman Brisen Shelter on Essex St.

Photo Mike Woodward

people. She gets up to shake my hand, and immediately turns around to pick up the ringing phone. "Shelter, this is Barbara," she answers.

The people on the Hunger and Homelessness Committee at Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), Mary Washington's com-

munity service organization, had told me that Gear was the person to talk to. Dressed in light lavender pants and cardigan, with her big rim glasses and white curly hair, Gear looks exactly like what she is: an elementary

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### Shelter Offers Alternatives To Life On The Street

By Max Tuefford  
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Michael wanders the street daily. He has no job, no money, no house, and only that food which is given to him by local restaurants. His hair is cropped short, and he changes his clothes to suit the weather. On the side of his nose is an open sore, evidence of a lack of medical treatment. Striking up a conversation with Michael can lead to anything from his \$30,000 pre-approved credit, to Jimmy Carter, whom he affectionately named "Peanuts."

Michael is one of Fredericksburg's homeless. Yet he is only one of many. According to the United States Census Bureau's last poll, a nationwide "Shelter and Street Night," March

20, 1990, nearly 179,000 homeless were counted in shelters, and another 50,000 at designated street corners. But these numbers represent only a fraction of the total, as the Urban Institute estimated the nation's homeless population in 1987 to be between 500,000 and 600,000.

It is impossible to put a face on the homeless for such a large scale, but examine a smaller area and the picture becomes much clearer.

Who then, are the homeless of Fredericksburg? Why are they there and what is being done for them?

According to Ellen Hartzler, director of the Thurman Brisen Homeless Shelter on 510 Essex St., the kinds of people who stay there are as

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### FEATURES

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### SPORTS

Men's and Women's swim teams capture first at CAC championship this weekend. See page 8.



### ENTERTAINMENT

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## New Organization Supports People With AIDS

By Denise Boyd  
Special to the Bulletin

The spread of AIDS has touched many people, but those in the Mary Washington community with friends and loved ones suffering from the disease have had nowhere to turn in Fredericksburg for support.

Until now. A new organization, the HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated, now offers support group meetings and a variety of other kinds of assistance to AIDS patients.

"At our support groups we usually have an average of eight people in each of the groups. One night we might have three people and the next time we might have twelve," said Susan Vaughn, the Fredericksburg Area AIDS Coordinator.

According to Vaughn, HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated offers twice monthly support group meetings, one for people with AIDS and one for family and friends of people with AIDS. The organization also sponsors a financial network that helps people with AIDS pay medical, utility, food, housing and prescription bills, and helps them find a way to secure transportation.

There are a variety of places that anyone in the MWC community can turn to find information on AIDS or to get involved in educating others about the disease. According to Cedric Rucker, AIDS Education Committee chair at MWC, AIDS education the college finds channels for

its message throughout the year. The AIDS committee conducts safer sex workshops, observes National AIDS Day on Dec. 1, schedules movies about AIDS and has logged over 500 hours in the NAMES quilt project.

"Mary Washington is a really good school about responding to students [about HIV]," said Jay Vanover, former president of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association at MWC. "They try to do a lot of educational events - safer sex workshops given by peer educators, AIDS Awareness Week and Condom Awareness Week." Condom Awareness Week, which was Feb. 8-12, included a variety of activities to remind the student body that they must work to prevent AIDS. According to Lori Parrish, who heads the STD's/AIDS committee for the Peer Educators, condom awareness week included a give-away of Condom Grams that students sent to each other through the campus mail.

"We wanted everybody to get them before the big holiday [Valentine's Day]," Parrish said.

College students who want to have an AIDS test must go to the Fredericksburg Health Department on Jackson Street. The current hours for receiving confidential AIDS testing are Monday and Thursday from 9-11 a.m., and Wednesday by appointment from 1-4 p.m.

Questions about STD's, birth control or AIDS testing can be answered in the Health Center or the peer educator's office located in room 11 of the campus Health Center.

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tree. I stared at those candles somehow knowing to imprint the spectacular image of them in my memory.

The last day of our visit was Sunday, and we accompanied Bill and Volker to church. I do not know how or why it happened, but it was during that worship service that I intuitively realized that Uncle Bill had AIDS. I had known for sometime that Volker had AIDS, and the question had lingered in the back of my mind about the state of Bill's health. Bill heightened my curiosity by trying to make the weekend perfect with an urgency that I could feel in everything he did. As I stood in the front pew of St. Luke, Bill turned to kiss me during the passing of the peace. At that moment, the less than peaceful thought, that my uncle "didn't need my germs," leapt into my mind. It was an awkward moment, and without meaning to, I backed away before kissing him on the cheek.

Several months later, my father received a phone call from Uncle Bill. Bill explained that he had collapsed at the opera several hours earlier, and that the seizure had been caused by an illness that had attacked his weakened immune system; an immune system that AIDS had assaulted for some time already.

### The AIDS Test

The AIDS virus that I had heard about for several years invited itself into my life without warning and it caught me off guard. As a college student I assumed that I would have to deal with AIDS later, when my promiscuous friends discovered heterosexuals were not immune to the disease. I imagined myself as a Florence Nightingale of sorts, holding hands and baking chicken casseroles between trips to the drug store. I never considered my own sexual behavior or its consequences, aside from an occasional fear of pregnancy.

When I knew that Bill had AIDS, I began to question my sexual practices. I knew that although I had confined my sexual practice to a limited number of partners, I had engaged in unprotected sex. Perhaps AIDS could touch me, and as my uncle's condition worsened, so did my fears. I decided that I should get an AIDS test.

A friend accompanied me to the Fredericksburg Health Department on Jackson Street. When we entered the sterile waiting room that smelled of antiseptic and was lined with various colored plastic chairs, there wasn't much to do except watch the soap opera that was playing on the television. All around me pamphlets explained the origins of every sexually transmitted disease in existence. I felt dirty when the nurse called my number.

The grey-haired nurse shut the door to the examination room. She told me that the only ways you could get AIDS were from sexual contact, intravenous drug use and blood transfusions, all of which I already knew. She then said that the AIDS test I was taking could only detect the virus if it had entered my body before the last three months. (If I had changed sexual partners during that period of time, the test would not detect the newly

acquired HIV.)

After some difficulty in finding my vein, the syringe filled with blood. Minutes later, I left with a number written on a piece of paper. "We should have the results in two weeks," the nameless nurse said as I walked out the door. I wanted to run. I was shaking when I left the office, and a part of me wanted an immediate answer. Another part of me wanted desperately never to know.

The two weeks had crawled by, but as I walked back into the lobby of the Health Department, I felt my heart-beat quicken. When the nurse called me into the same room where she had taken my blood, she reiterated the three month scope of time that the test did not cover. I handed her the slip of paper with my assigned number on it. She scanned her clipboard for the longest thirty seconds in history, and then she finally informed me that the test was negative.

The relief I felt in that moment cannot be compared to any moment in my life before or since. For people like my uncle who receive positive tests, the AIDS test is only the beginning.

### Living With AIDS

There is nothing glamorous about AIDS, and fear took on a new definition as my uncle got sicker. Depending on his latest struggle, my uncle would have good days and bad days. A man who had once worked on Wall Street was reduced to expensive bottles of pills and a calendar full of doctor's visits. He was attacked by the skin sores known as Kaposi's sarcoma, countless infections, a mysterious brain tumor-like problem, his own medication, and finally, Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), which was deadly for him as it is for most AIDS patients.

I heard about the various stages of his illness in medical terms over long distance phone lines. I remember my Aunt Mary, the youngest in my father's family, calling one afternoon when my uncle had a bad day. It was close to the end, and when I answered the phone all I heard was a long sigh. Mary had left Bill's hospital room to make the call.

"Neicie, he just looks so bad. I couldn't hold it together anymore. I had to get out of there," Mary said.

I had never heard my aunt break down before, and the fact that she would cry to me on the phone made me picture the tubes and contraptions that they had poked into my uncle. I struggled to block the image out of my mind; reality was too hard to handle.

Bill had known that he had AIDS for some time before he told my part of our distant family. We believe that what kept him healthy was a mild case of denial about the disease, and it was during the healthier time before his disease progressed to full-blown AIDS that Uncle Bill increased his involvement in his spiritual life.

Bill attended seminars where he studied to become an Episcopal priest, and then he helped with worship at St. Luke in the Field Episcopal Church in Manhattan. As part of his contributions at St. Luke in the Field Episcopal Church in Manhattan. As part of his contributions at St. Luke, Bill founded a once a week sit-down

dinner for People With AIDS (PWA's).

Mary Reath, with whom I stayed the day before the funeral, said, "What had only been a dream for many members of the congregation, Bill made into reality by contracting with a grocer and by enlisting the services of a professional chef. Your uncle had a way of getting things done."

At his funeral, Bill was more alive for me in my own consciousness than I ever knew while he lived; it was there that I learned of his accomplishments.

### AIDS Awareness At MWC

The week after my Uncle Bill died was AIDS Awareness Week on campus. All I had wanted while I was in New York was for life to return to normal, but returning to campus during AIDS Awareness Week made that transition difficult. I struggled to make up my missed work from three days of classes, so I avoided much of what was happening on campus. I was not ready to face AIDS as a societal problem, my wounds were too new.

At the end of the week a small group of faculty and students participated in an AIDS walk in remembrance of those who have died of the disease. I decided to go along. I owed at least that much to my uncle. At the end of the brief walk, we each lit a candle. When my candle took to flame a memory of the preceding Christmas hit me and as the candle blurred through my tears, I remembered how my uncle had observed the German tradition of lighting candles on the Christmas tree. I was holding that memory in my hand.

When I left the AIDS walk, it struck me that few people had attended the event. I began to wonder if other AIDS Awareness Week events had small crowds, if no one at Mary Washington cared about AIDS. I felt cheated that only eight people had sacrificed twenty minutes from a Friday night to show that they wanted a cure for AIDS.

My disillusionment about the AIDS walk initially caused me to put the disease out of my mind, but when Volker visited our family for Thanksgiving, I knew that I could not forget AIDS.

Volker's health had begun to deteriorate, and I could see that he had lost weight. I had not witnessed first hand the physical decline that AIDS caused in Bill, so seeing Volker healthy and then seeing him weakened hurt. I saw in him what Bill had endured, and it was enough to make me want to scream.

Even during the funeral I had not seen my uncle; there was no open casket viewing of the body. I never saw what AIDS had done to Bill, but what I did see, as I sat in the same pew where I had realized my uncle's illness, was a group of people who had been moved by Bill's life.

They were gathered there to celebrate his accomplishments and to share how he had touched their lives. I cried until my eyes hurt that day, but I was crying for them, the people who had lost my uncle. I could not cry for myself because I had just begun to know who Uncle Bill was to me.

## Policebeat

### Two Men Arrested On Valentine's Day

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Bulter Staff Writer

#### Intoxication

• On Feb. 14 James Valentine, a non-student, was identified in an investigation as a person making annoying phone calls to Westmoreland Hall and was arrested for being drunk in public (DIP). Valentine is now barred from campus.

• On Feb. 14 Raymond Owens, a non-student, was arrested for DIP.

#### Larceny/Theft

• On Feb. 12 a geography book worth about \$50 was stolen from Willard Hall.

• On Feb. 15 jewelry worth about

\$275 was stolen from inside a room in Alvey Hall. Charles T. Saunders, a non-student, was charged with the theft, but the incident is still under investigation.

• On Feb. 18 eyeglasses worth about \$200 were stolen from the library.

• On Feb. 18 clothing was stolen from the locker room in Goolrick. The locker was unlocked.

#### Vandalism

• On Feb. 18 the water fountain at softball field was pulled out of the stone, damaging the pipes.

#### Miscellaneous

• On Feb. 12 annoying phone calls were made to Russell Hall.

• On Feb. 12 complaint was made of an assault and battery involving students. The investigation is still pending.

• On Feb. 16 there was a harassment complaint about a domestic situation on campus. A suspect was identified.

• On Feb. 15 an obscene phone call was made to George Washington Hall during the day and is still under investigation.

• On Feb. 16 an indecent exposure of a white male on College Ave. was reported. The matter is still under investigation.

• On Feb. 16 Mary Leary, a non-student, was arrested for trespassing. Leary was reportedly attempting to sell perfume on campus.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Graduate School Panel

There will be a graduate school information panel Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 3:45-5:00 p.m. in Chandler 102. The panel will consist of Mary Rigby, Terry Kennedy, Vanessa Haley, Georgia Henaghan, Katy Powell, and Ron Singleton. The panel is being sponsored by the ELS department.

### Scholarship Deadline Near

The Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship (stipend \$325) is open

to all high school juniors and seniors and college juniors and seniors whose values, ideals, and activities are consistent with Dr. King's goals of working toward racial equality, harmony, and social justice for all people. Application deadline is Friday, March 26, 1993. Notification will be sent by April 7, 1993. Applications available at the following locations at MWC: James Farmer Scholars' Office, Multicultural Center, Simpson Library, Student Activities Office and Upward Bound Office.

### Debate Team Results

Two debaters took second place in the varsity division of the 6th Annual "Colonial Debates" hosted by George Washington University, and two other teams of MWC students won third place at a pair of recent tournaments.

For the year, MWC debaters have won over 55 percent of all their debates and have collected 30 individual and team awards.

## CORRECTIONS

Mike Tadler, a candidate for Student Association President, was identified as a student senator in last week's Bulletin. Tadler is a former senator.

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10:00 am - 12 noon  
beginning Friday,  
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freshman year, believes that he is bringing a new perspective backed by S.A. experience.

"I think that the student body, by electing me, is sending messages to two different groups. One is the current S.A. saying that they want a change in the student government, and want a student government not looking to please the administration or that's out to make themselves look good. At the same time, they are sending a message to the administration that says the student body wants to be involved in decision making," Ornstien said.

Mumpson said, "I know Len came as a surprise to some people but he is a very capable individual. I've worked with him in Senate Board and he did a great job with the handbook committee. He's really eager and he wants to help the student body."

Williams agreed that Ornstien's

main goal is to work with students concerning on-campus issues.

"I think Len, from my perception, is a lot more concerned with domestic issues whereas we're really

branched out this year. I think that we're more focused and I think he is more concerned with what's going on within the perimeters of campus, so I'll be curious to see what happens," Williams said.

Ornstien intends to concentrate on issues such as educating the student body about how they can work with individual administrators directly to influence decision making.

"For example, with the freshmen next year, I'll get up at orientation and be like [Ross] Perot with charts.

I'll say, 'This is Dean Beck. She handles...' and so on down the line with all the administrators. That way they'll know exactly who to go to with whatever problem might come up," Ornstien said.

Ornstien said he also wants to extend the hours at the library

and Goolrick, work with academic affairs to institute a self-defense class for physical education credit and set up an S.A. sponsored book buy back. Presidential candidate Jacobs, LAC chairperson, said that she hopes that the new executive cabinet will have a good year.

"I hope they will be successful in their goals to gain student power and in achieving everything from student

empowerment to increasing the library hours," Jacobs said.

For the office of S.A. vice president, Mullins defeated opponents Rob Bartenstein and Mike Giardina by a vote of 430-323-156. Mullins said her goal for next year is to bring a stronger working relationship to the Senate by making careful selections of Senate Board officers.

"I'm going to choose a Senate Board that will work together coherently so that we will be more effective," Mullins said.

In the biggest sweep of the election, sophomore Sooki Danosky defeated Dave Austin in the race for Honor Council president by a vote of 660-254. Danosky plans to increase awareness of the honor code among upperclass students and professors, as well as recruit individuals for the Honor Council that are committed to their work.

Danosky also said that she would like to speed up the Honor Council's procedures concerning the investiga-

tions and trials.

"We've really had a problem with things getting done with in the certain time frame. I really want to work on getting things done as quickly as possible," she said.

Sophomore Jasper White, who was elected to the office of judicial chairperson, defeating junior Chris Gillea by a vote of 516-359, said he believes that the judicial board should work with the honor council on issues that might fall to either organization.

"I think people think the Honor Council and Judicial Board as being one and the same but they are not," he said.

Angela Jensvold won the Legislative Action Committee chair by a vote of 495-370, defeating sophomore Cheryl White. Jensvold said she intends to get the L.A.C. more involved in lobbying in Richmond and Washington, D.C. as well as encouraging more overall participation by members of the committee.

"We had a great year this year as far

as attendance at City Council meetings and participation. I'd like to get more people involved and show them the issues that are going on and how important they are," Jensvold said.

Sophomore Maureen Stinger ran unopposed for the office of academic affairs chairperson.

"There are some big issues on this campus that I would like to address such as getting self-defense taught for physical education credit and the plus minus G.P.A. grading scale. People are starting to talk to me about the elimination of the dance program and I would like to get some student feedback on that," Stinger said.

Students expressed some surprise over the election results but tended to look on next year with interest and anticipation. Sophomore Mark Duffy said, "The result I wasn't sure about predicting was for S.A. president. Generally speaking, I thought the election results were good and the people elected will have a positive effect on this campus next year."

## SHELTER

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school teacher. A committed workaholic, Gear teaches in the mornings and spends the rest of her free time at the shelter. Right now she's trying to get someone to give Tom a ride back from his telemarketing job.

Everything seems to be happening at once at the shelter. A blond girl walks in and talks to one of the volunteers. She says that she needs scissors to do her homework; there is a GED book under her arm. Jane comes to ask if there's any salad left over from dinner. People keep rushing past her towards the living room. "Child's Play" is on channel 7 and nobody wants to miss it. I'm told the shelter had a VCR for a short while but one of the residents sold it for cash.

A tall black man wants some cold medicine; he says that his chest hurts all over. He wears clean jeans and expensive Dr. Martens boots, and his fingernails are painted black. He gets a cup of red liquid and runs back to the movie. A small boy in yellow pajamas asks for some crayons. Barbara is having problems getting that ride.

A black woman is flipping through the telephone directory. One of the volunteers asks her what she is looking for.

"Lawyers, divorce lawyers," she answers.

"Divorce lawyers? You don't need a divorce lawyer, it's too expensive. Girl, what you have to do is to walk out on him, just like that. Tell him to not come back until he's quit his drinking," the volunteer says.

Peter needs a stamp for his

Valentine's card. Barbara takes it and reads the poem inside. Chucky is making the people in the living room roar with laughter. A tall man with a baseball cap wants some Tylenol. The flu epidemic has hit the residents hard. I talk to Bob, who has been in the shelter since the day it opened its doors, Dec. 11. He says he came from Indiana 12 years ago looking for a job. He wasn't very lucky.

"Then my wife divorced me and took the kids away and that was the beginning of all my problems," he said.

Cases like Bob's are not rare, Gear tells me. A lot of people moved to the Fredericksburg area during the 80's attracted by a boom in the building industry that spanned all the way to D.C. With time, however, the boom passed, the jobs disappeared and many people found themselves stranded.

"It's the same story all over, good people with bad luck," says Elynn Hartzler, the shelter's director, who stresses that few of the residents are "chronic" homeless. In some cases, they are not homeless at all, but people tight of money who run into unexpected situations: a family whose car broke down on the way to Florida, or the old man who had to temporarily move into the shelter because he didn't get his Social Security check on time. "Times are tough and these people have no other place to go," says Hartzler.

Although the cuts in social programs of the Reagan years and later the economic instability hit the lower strata of society the hardest, low income people weren't the only ones affected. Some of the people living in

the shelter today have college degrees, some even have masters. Paul Gefrick, who gave me a tour of the shelter, is one such case.

Three years ago Gefrick says he left a good job with Virginia Power to start his own business. By the time he had everything set up, the economic recession was in full swing. Soon Gefrick found that the failed enterprise had taken away his life's savings, and all of a sudden he found himself in a situation very similar to that of the people he now works for. Somehow he managed to get through and keep his family together. He says he got a lot of help. Now that things are better for him, Gefrick works part time and spends the rest of his time as a full-time staff of the shelter.

"It doesn't make much money," he says. "But I feel that I have to pay back."

The shelter has a paid supervisor like Gefrick 24 hours a day. The rest of the work required to run the shelter is done by volunteers and residents. Up to 100 people a week volunteer their time in the shelter. Most come from local churches who rotate volunteers each week. Mary Washington's COAR recently set up a program with the shelter under which more than 30 students have been trained to work as volunteers.

According to Gear, it is hardly enough, since more volunteers are needed "desperately," especially for night shifts. The other chores are performed by the residents themselves. Everyone who sleeps there gets assigned a job, whether it is to clean up the bathrooms or to help in the kitchen. A group of residents cleans the area around the shelter

twice a day.

"Not all the trash is ours, but we pick it up anyway," says Gear, who said she tries to avoid any problems with the neighbors.

It was a mixture of neighbor complaints and city regulations that forced the first shelter to close at Maury School. In building the new shelter every effort was made to avoid those two problems. First an appropriate location was chosen. Situated in 510 Essex St., two blocks away from Mother's Pub, the new shelter is well distanced from residential houses. Its only close neighbors are business buildings that usually close at 5 p.m.

Second came the problem of the governmental restrictions. Any governmental funding granted for the shelter would come attached to a series of conditions and guidelines regarding how the place should be run, how long residents were allowed to stay, etc. The goal was to use as little public funding as possible. Again, people were there to make it possible.

"It is the first case we know of," says Gear. "Half a million dollars worth of time and materials donated."

The shelter is the achievement of 42 churches, one synagogue, 135 companies and thousands of individuals who were willing to combine their efforts to transform what used to be an old ice house into a habitable building. Everything in the building was donated: the floor, the beds and mattresses, the doors, the furniture. Electricians wired the building on donated time; volunteer plumbers handled the plumbing chores.

People from all walks of life collaborated in the building modifications: professional workers, churches,

high school and college students, people on community service sentences, jail inmates, individuals from the town and even the homeless themselves - all worked together to make the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, "the house that love built" a reality, says Gear.

The shelter can house up to 128 people. Right now there are about 120 residents, among them 11 families and 28 children. At this point there is no time limit for residents, and while they live in the shelter all residents receive clean beds, clothes and three meals a day.

While the shelter's kitchen and refrigerator are still being finished, the hot meals are served in one of the local churches. The shelter's chef is a man named Will. Everybody loves Will's food and it is no wonder, not that long ago he made a living as head chef in some of the fancy downtown restaurants. He says that this is the first Christmas that he hasn't spent high on something since he was 15 years old.

Besides food and lodging the shelter has many programs for those seeking help. There are Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

meetings, self esteem programs, and GED tutoring in collaboration with James Monroe High School. Every effort is made to find employment openings and prepare the residents for interviews and jobs, and everyone who works in the shelter seems to have a few "success stories" of people who made it out of the poverty cycle. The shelter has a few rules: no smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no weapons and no discourteous behavior. Members of one sex are not allowed to visit the opposite sex's rooms. Once signed in, residents are not allowed to leave except to work or unless they are accompanied by a staff member. Jobs are assigned and must be fulfilled.

"It isn't a bad place," says Gear, "but it is a lot better when you can move out."

The big guy with the beard is still sitting outside when I leave the shelter. "Hey man," he says. "Do you have a motorcycle?"

"Yes," I answer.

"Really? What kind?"

"It's a Yamaha, but it doesn't work anymore," I say.

"Hey," he screams as I walk away. "It's still better than nothing."

## HOMELESS

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varied as the whole world. Of the more than 120 residents, some have college degrees, some are chronic alcoholics, some are single mothers and others are mentally and physically handicapped.

Hartzler cites the high level of underemployment, unemployment and the lack of affordable housing as the major problems facing these people.

The homeless of Fredericksburg are like the homeless of any place. They are people like you or I, whose only common denominator is that when times become difficult, they had no one and nowhere to turn. Many of them can be found at the shelter.

Doug Minor, a 31 year-old black man, a recovering alcoholic, had been at the shelter for thirty days. On Jan. 1, he called the police on himself because his father would not let him back in the house in his drunken state. Now he says he has a new attitude on life.

"Since I come here, I respect people. Before, I didn't care about nobody," he said.

Minor said that he sees himself getting on his feet again when he finishes a substance abuse program in Florida. He said he also hopes to get his GED.

"Now I want to start my own business helping others that need help," he said. "You know, speak at jails and high schools to the people with some of the diseases that I have."

Minor's case is typical of others across the state and the nation. According to a fact sheet provided by the Interagency Council on the Homeless, a federal task force headed by HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, the average homeless person is a single male, median age 36. Minority groups are represented disproportionately to their population, 80 percent are unemployed, most lack a high school degree or personal support relationships, 35 percent are suffering from alcoholism and 30 percent from mental illness.

This also describes Terry Donovan, a 40 year old white man, who has been at the shelter since it opened in December. His story begins in prison, where he was serving time for receiving stolen goods in his apartment and contributing to the delinquency of minors. He became a prep cook and dishwasher in a restaurant until losing his job to alcoholism six-and-a-half years later.

A year ago, Donovan was diagnosed as a manic-depressive, a personality disorder for which he now takes Therilazine.

"Maybe if I'd known before [that I needed pills] I wouldn't be so messed up now," Donovan said. "I got to the point I hated the human race. Now I care a little more about people."

Considered a "jewel" by Hartzler, Donovan fits the profile of today's homeless man: middle-aged, mentally ill and lacking a social support network.

Donovan suffers from dual illnesses - a serious mental condition

and an addiction to alcohol. He is unemployed now, because as he puts it, "I can't even get any kind of job because I get nervous. I get this fear."

According to a report by the Federal Task Force on Homelessness and Severe Mental Illness, of the four million people with severe mental illness, one twentieth are homeless. That translates to one-third of the single adults of the 600,000 estimated nationwide homeless population.

Forty-five year-old Ronald Weatherhead has been at the shelter since it opened. In fact, he helped to build it. When he and his wife of 17 years separated, he turned to alcohol to solve his problems. A year-and-a-half later he found himself unemployed and in prison.

"To me this is just like I was living at home. The staff and volunteers treat you like a human being," said Weatherhead. He is clean-shaven with hair cropped short, and his clothes are well-kept. He is celebrating two years of sobriety, and said he is close to getting a full-time job and leaving the shelter.

Candy Whitaker, a staff member at the shelter said there is no typical time period that people stay at the shelter.

One of the most pressing problems is homeless families. The shelter currently has five single mothers with two or more children, said Whitaker.

Polly Keys is a 23-year-old black woman and single mother who has been at the shelter two months. She has three children.

The first three weeks she was there,

she did not go outside. "It was embarrassing. I was afraid somebody, some friend would see me. Then I realized it's a home, it's a nice place to sleep, eat," she said.

Keys recently found a job in telemarketing, and hopes to leave the shelter with her boyfriend within a week.

But not every homeless person is as successful at trying to pick up their life and get out of the shelter as these people have been. Many of the people in the shelter do not feel hope, but the frustration of not finding a job or affordable housing.

The shelter opened in December to 40 residents and is now approaching its capacity of 130.

Shelter director Ellen Hartzler said, "There are hundreds of families that right now are one paycheck away from this place," said shelter director Ellen Hartzler. "I couldn't take two more families. We don't have room."

There are also those people whom the shelter cannot help. People like Michael, who wander the streets of Fredericksburg with delusions of \$30,000 pre-approved credit. He survives by staying in unused apartments with other homeless friends, or sometimes with his parents. He never stays at the shelter because he doesn't like the people.

Michael is one of Fredericksburg's many streetwalkers. They've been here for years past, and likely will be here for years to come. The help offered at the shelter is no good to Michael and those like him. They don't want it.

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# Opinions

## Editorials

### What Will Be Next?

These past few weeks at the MWC have raised some interesting questions in quite a few minds that we would like to share with everyone else in the community.

The first question has to do with the possibility that the dance department will be eliminated. What happens to the students who are perspective dance majors and came to this fabulous institution? Do we refund all of their tuition and say sorry, try another school. Or do we tell these unlucky people to simply find another major? If the school is looking to cut some money, they could cut some of the administrative positions (I think there are more associate deans than students on this campus).

Also, do we really need that new dorm, especially since enrollment is not suppose to increase? While we're on the subject of money, where does the gas money that the campus police use for the nifty jeeps come from? My house is right by the hospital and there is always some campus police driving by my house. We personally think that this is a little out of the way for them.

Dean Lefferts, this next little part is for you. Now that you have basically eliminated alcohol from parties on campus, we just want you to know that the number of off-campus parties have increased right along with the number of students driving under the influence. We wonder what will happen next.

We don't mean to keep bringing up the parking situation, but we still have one small question for the campus that prides itself on safety. If we have a friend that lives in College Heights and we go to visit late at night, do we have to park my car (with the commuter sticker) on College Avenue and walk the couple of blocks in the dark or break the law by parking on a nearly deserted public street right in front of my destination. A solution might have been to eliminate student parking in College Heights from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Many of the residents don't have enough cars to take up all of those spaces.

We hope the people in charge look at some of these questions and try to come up with some answers.  
T.D.

### Time For A Reality Check

The lack of response on this campus to important issues is frightening. Isn't anything important to anyone on this campus except for parking and the occasional dead squirrel?

The *Bullet* generally measures the importance of an issue by the response we receive from readers via our Letters to the Editor feature. The recent issues of the seemingly most important to our readers are squirrels, parking, Len Ornstein, parking, the administration and parking. Oh, did we mention parking?

It might be interesting to note that none of the "politically correct" issues are being discussed anywhere. The most response we have gotten is from the faculty. Does that mean that we as students are mentally deficient, we're still "finding ourselves," or do we just not care?

For the minority of us who do care or, at least, are not afraid to express our opinions, it looks really bad. Not just for those who don't say anything, but for those of us who stick our necks out for the benefit of all.

On a different note, cheers to the dance department for the collaborative effort of nine students for their responses to the senseless destruction of the major. Even if the results are not as you expect, at least you are making your views heard.

For those of you who sit back to catch the most recent episode of "The Simpsons" (or whatever the favorite T.V. show of the season is), make an effort to think about something a little more on your level, after all, you are a college student about to enter the (gasp) work force. Can you imagine being so easy-going when you're out there trying to make a career for yourself and coming up short because a potential employer asked your opinion and you didn't have one. Help!

Either there is really an apathetic constituency out there or no one really cares. It's too bad we can't all live here in La La Land for the rest of our lives. It sure would be easier.  
A.F.

## Letter to the Editor

### Professor Criticizes Government Official For Lack of Insight

The following is the correspondence generated between Ms. Lentine and Congressman Herb Bateman. As it is a pressing current issue and has fostered much debate on-campus, the letters have been re-printed in their entirety.

Dear Ms. Lentine:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding President Clinton's proposal to permit homosexuals to serve openly in the military.

I do not support President Clinton's proposal to allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces. The argument that is most often heard is that gays are being denied their basic civil rights by being banned from the military. The military's successful integration of African-Americans after 1948 is routinely mentioned as an example of how the military can be used for social engineering and to correct a historical wrong. I find fault with this argument when it is applied to the subject of homosexuals. Racial integration is not. As noted by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell, skin color is a benign characteristic whereas sexual orientation is behavioral. Homosexuals should not be compelled to live in close quarters—often, in the field, in confined quarters—with individuals who may find them sexually attractive. That is precisely why women are not forced to sleep and shower with men.

There are also valid health concerns involved that are not being adequately addressed by the President. AIDS, despite its growing risk to the heterosexual population, is mainly prevalent among male homosexuals. As is well known, the HIV virus that leads to AIDS can be present but undetectable in the blood system for many years. If there is one thing that is absolutely certain about the military and its mission of preparing for and fighting wars, it is that in carrying out that mission, blood may be spilled in vast quantities. To expect soldiers in the heat of battle to have to also be concerned about either allowing a homosexual comrade to bleed to death or risk being contaminated when saving the latter's life is, I believe, both morally and practically extremely unfair.

The uniformed services remain opposed to reversing the longstanding policy with regard to homosexuals serving in uniform because of concerns about the

implications for morals and unit cohesion. These concerns are especially acute when personnel are subject to long periods of confinement aboard ships or submarines. It is true that homosexuals have served valiantly in the military in the past and will no doubt continue to do so. Once individuals admit to being homosexual, however, they become targets for harassment by their fellow personnel in a way that is difficult if not impossible to prevent.

When candidate Bill Clinton suggested that he would repeal the ban on homosexuals serving in the military, it was clear that he had not thought his proposal through but was reacting to the demands of special interests. Those of us who have studied the issue for years may not all agree, but at least we have been exposed to the potential ramifications of appealing the ban. I, for one, am convinced that now-President Clinton's proposal is extremely ill-advised.

Sincerely,  
Herbert H. Bateman  
Member of Congress

Dear Congressman Bateman:

Thank you for your letter in response to my phone call expressing my support for President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. Your letter articulates positions I find so repugnant, I feel I must respond. I have heard similar arguments made by others in positions of authority, so I am not completely surprised to see that you are acting as a mouthpiece for these views as well. I still marvel, however, when people go on record as saying such discriminatory, ill-informed, and plainly unkind things. I would like to discuss some of the points you make individually.

Your failure to grasp both the complexity and the simplicity of this issue is evident from the very first sentence. You refer to "President Clinton's proposal to permit homosexuals to serve openly [italics mine] in the military." His proposal would permit homosexuals to serve in the military. Period. Your additional "openly" wrongly suggests that they are currently permitted to serve as long as they stay closeted.

Moving on to the second paragraph, there is much here to address. First, because I believe that all individuals deserve equal treatment (this may sound familiar to you—a similar sentiment is expressed in a text popular in this country), your dismissal of the civil rights of homosexuals offends me.

You go on to set up an opposition between skin color as a "benign characteristic" and sexual orientation as "behavioral." Well, the structure of these two clauses is not parallel. You (or whoever wrote this for you) have left a structural gap in the second clause. What is implicit in the use of "whereas" is a comparison of oppositional propositions. The structure leads the reader to the following inference: "benign characteristic" vs. [malignant behavior." Contrary to popular misconceptions, many people argue that homosexuality is not simply behavioral, not a lifestyle, but biological, an orientation present from birth. That biological orienta-

*"...homosexuals should be banned [from the military] because of what you think they might do."*

- Genine Lentine to Congressman Bateman

tion is not a blueprint for behavior. The behavior of a homosexual is no more determined by sexual orientation than is that of a heterosexual.

You express concern over the well-being of the innocent heterosexual who will have to live in close quarters with "individuals who may find them sexually attractive." "May" is an important word. This problem revolves mainly around the fear of harassment, rather than the harassment itself. I've talked to many people who have served in the military about this concern. It seems these heterosexual men spent a lot of time worrying that a gay man might find them attractive (and perhaps even more time worrying that a gay man might not find them attractive), but no gay man actually approached them or even intimated that they would be interested in them sexually. Lurking around in all this hysteria about showers and "hot beds" is the stereotype that gay men are sexual predators, waiting to spring on some unsuspecting officer in his shorts. These lurid fantasies serve as a smokescreen, focusing attention on what amounts to a logistical problem and obscuring from consideration the work many gay men have so ably performed in the military. This logistical matters seems to have our military brass stupefied. Colin Powell presents the shrewd argument as fundamental to his rejection of Clinton's proposal. Clearly, if he placed priority on according equal treatment to all citizens, he could devise a strategy to deal with this "problem." Perhaps on this issue, he and others could

consult with military leaders from other countries who do not discriminate as we do in America.

Moving from distorted projections of behavior, let us consider the legacy of actual behaviors heterosexual men have engaged in. In the Vietnam War, American soldiers sustained abusive prostitution organizations. They also fathered and then abandoned children. In World War II, they systematically raped Asian women. Women in Desert Storm have reported rapes and talked of continued and sanctioned harassment. I don't need to remind you what officers at the Tailhook convention did with their uniforms still on! The military code

limit the rights of one person because of the foul behavior of another person? Let me provide a parallel example that occurred in your jurisdiction. Two summers ago, a member of the Ku Klux Klan assaulted an African-American Mary Washington College student. Would you argue that the student should have been denied admission to the college because racism is "difficult if not impossible to prevent?"

Is bigotry impossible to prevent? One thing is certain; it thrives when people in power, like yourself and Colin Powell, model it for those looking for validation of their own prejudices. The people who inflict their prejudices on others should be censured and punished appropriately. You make the potential victim of bigotry, and not the bigot, pay the price. In the scenario you present, the hapless heterosexuals need to be protected from their own bigotry by not being exposed to the subject of it (actually, in this, you show as little respect to heterosexuals as a group as you consistently show to homosexuals as a group). Is the homophobic sailor "being all he can be" as he kicks in the skull of his gay comrade? Can some of his prejudice be defused by education and positive influence from those in power? Paradoxically, it is just the exposure you wish to prevent that can help reduce

homophobia. I don't know if you know any homosexuals personally, but I think your fears might not grip you so tightly if you bothered to get to know even one gay man or lesbian woman (if they dared to be open with you.) This might help you to stop being so worried about unfounded abstractions and turn your attention to concrete rights for individuals.

You also bring up the spectre of AIDS. If you were one of my freshmen in English 101, I would gently remind you that you had walked into a "false clause" fallacy. As a rhetorical (in the worst sense of the word) strategy, mentioning AIDS here works well, persuasively advancing ignorance, conveniently making uniformed connections to fallaciously further your point. Did you hope that no one would notice the plight of your hypothetical heterosexual soldier would not improve if you were successful in keeping all homosexual men from enlisting? Ignorance puts them at an even greater risk. Let's take your scenario a little further: The military is in full swing, carrying out its mission. "Vast quantities of blood" are being shed. Soldier A is confronted with the choice of helping his bleeding homosexual comrade or his bleeding heterosexual comrade. Soldier A is

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# Spring Break-- The Ultimate SA Experience

By Paul Sargent  
and Adam Fike  
Columnists

There are two kinds of news—hard news and the stuff people talk about. Here's what we've been talking about. It does not pretend to contain any facts or hold any truths. But what the heck, a rumor is a rumor. This column is for entertainment purposes only. It is not meant to foster a belief in the occult and should not be consumed with alcohol. Minors are forbidden to play.

Spring break and the SA election.

One is in about a week and a half. One is all but over. There are a lot of things going on. But believe it or not, it all comes down to this. Looking around on Sunday afternoon, the campaign posters have all but come down. Except for old Mike Giardina. "Want Respect? Vote Mike G." Guess not. Speaking of Len, rumor has it that the election was close. Fifty votes or so they say. Happy birthday, Len, love the senior class. Looks like you finally got a goal, even if it wasn't in a soccer game. To be serious, much like Slick Willie, it's time for the newly elected to not be "infected with the idea that the role of our student association is to serve the administration and not the students" (citing a Jan. 26 column in the *Bullet*). We shall see, good luck.

Speaking of drinking, it seems that the newly elected will be spending their time over the holiday getting ready for the new year. And to "take an activist approach to the role of student government." Too bad. Most of the rest of us are going to get sloshed.

A big complaint over the past few weeks has been that all the spring break vacation packages have filled up. What are you going to do? We have some ideas if you haven't made up your mind yet.

1. Pilgrimage. Some of us are going to spend two days in the trunk of a car on the road to Graceland. To visit the grave of "the King"—that's the young, sexy King, not the old, fat one. By the way, we're not kidding about the trunk part, the car is packed. A spare tire, a case of Beast, and thou. Of course this is only a three-day package. The rest of the break is meant to recover while the newly elected recover our pride from the administra-

tion.

2. A week of Southern culture. Others of the two of us will be driving through the South on a tour of campuses and distilleries. Destined to be more vaguely remembered as a "Drinking Tour of the South." The George Dickel distillery is the goal of this week's treasure hunt. And we quote from the back of the bottle, "Delighted to see you, if you can find us." We swear that's what it says.

3. A week of Northern culture. See how the other half lives.

Seriously, the word on the street is there will be no spring break this year. Dean Lefterts has put a moratorium on it.

Back the election, we are surprised Heather Jacobs did not come out on top. No offense to anyone. It's just that the SA president has always been known before the election ever had begun. Not this time. Len, you beat the odds (estimated at 15 to 1 with a 100 vote spread) and cost us each ten dollars. Please make it worth our while.

Now we're counting on you. You've said a lot of things in the past, now live up to them. You don't want to become beast blue label in a Guinness Stout bottle.

By the way, we recognize that there are people on this campus who choose not to partake, and their views on the subjects we have discussed should be documented. However, we have neither the time nor the energy required research their views. Basically, we don't know any of them. And they don't know that Beast is "the one beer to have when you're having more than one." People say we drink too much, but we're just thirsty as hell.

We're trying to draw an analogy between the election and spring break, but we can't think of one. So just remember (from someone who isn't a doctor but plays one on TV), always vote and party responsibly, because everybody gets a chance to shine. Len has his now, we will have ours, and even our friend Heather had hers. And Mike, there's always next year, have a great time on spring break—you deserve it.

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## LETTERS from page 5

wounded, himself, so there is a risk of infection if he gets HIV-positive blood in his own wound. A product of American socialization, Soldier A chooses to help the "risk-free" heterosexual. Unfortunately, what he hadn't banked on was that this carefree soldier, immunized only by his ignorance and societal blessing, not at all concerned about safe sex practices, had recently contracted the virus in unprotected sex with a prostitute (She told him it would cost a little extra, but neither he nor Soldier A knew exactly how much extra.) An HIV-positive heterosexual provides the same risks as an HIV-positive homosexual, even if there are currently fewer in the former category. You cannot simply write off the risk soldiers face from their heterosexual counterparts. They need to be educated about ways they can handle the risk they already face.

Taking the issue off the battlefield for a moment, let us consider all the non-battle related jobs that gay Americans are currently denied access to. What danger, or threat to morale, would you say a homosexual would cause as an airplane mechanic, a doctor, a secretary, a lawyer, a cartographer, or an

computer programmer?

You accede that "homosexuals have served valiantly in the military in the past and will no doubt continue to do so." I believe this is the "It's okay for them to join up, as long as they stay closeted," position that some of my freshmen fondly argue. Can you imagine going through a work day without making a reference to your family life? Do you realize that such a reference could get you fired if you were gay? We have seen many examples recently where people were doing their jobs exceptionally well and then lost them because they were gay. They did not harass anyone. They simply lost their job because of who they were. In what other arenas of American culture does the government permit this type of punishment?

The more I read your letter, the angrier I become. You impugn the president's position and state that he obviously had not "thought his proposal through." It is inappropriate of you to suggest that because his view is different from yours that he has not thought it through. You suggest that you have some kind of authority over him, having "thought about the issue for years." His view

represents years of thinking and acting on the topic of equal rights for individuals. What, exactly have you been thinking about for years? By the way, I'd like to know how you have actually been "exposed to the potential ramifications of appealing the ban." You say that this is a special interest issue. No issue that touches even one person's rights should be considered a special interest in this country. I, and many others who share my view, technically do not belong to the artificial group you construct, but that doesn't mean that this issue does not affect us. I am concerned about the future of this country, and I would like to know that all of our citizens will have the chance to work towards its strength if they choose to.

Genine Lentine  
Senior Lecturer  
English Department

P.S. I was able to find one assertion that did not rankle my sensibility within the text of your letter. It occurs at the very bottom of page one: "This stationary printed on paper made of recycled fibers."

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# Features

## Turning Tables: Student Teachers Get A Taste Of Life In Front Of The Classroom

By Zelina Murray  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Dear Journal,

Tomorrow is the big day—my first day of student teaching. I don't know what to feel right now. There's a part of me that's excited and there's a part of me that's scared (I don't know if that's a good or bad sign). There's so much to anticipate. What if the students don't respond to me? What if they laugh at me? What if they test me? What if someone asks me a question that I don't know the answer to? Is it too late to get out of this?

The experiences of a student teacher could be summed up in the words of author Charles Dickens who wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The days of a student teacher are often filled with the unexpected horrors and delights of teaching in the real world.

For 1992 Mary Washington Col-

lege graduate Karen Richardson, the decision to teach was made before she graduated from high school. She found inspiration to teach in the form of her own high school teachers.

"I had wonderful teachers throughout high school," Richardson said, "and I thought that teaching would be a wonderful way to give back what I had learned."

Richardson's plan to "give back" began her second semester of her sophomore year at Mary Washington.

"I took

Education 200,"

she said, "and

it's one of the

hardest and most

challenging

high-pressure

classes that I'd

ever taken, but

rewarding at the

same time."

Richardson, a

history major,

decided to

certify in the

areas of history

and social

science, which meant taking a variety of different subjects outside of her major.

"History has so many roots to

explore besides just listing dates and events," she said. "My course load was filled with classes like political science, government and geography as well," she said.

With the extra courses to fulfill requirements, Richardson realized that she would not be able to fit in a semester of student teaching in before her graduation date of May 1992 and opted to return an extra semester in fall 1992 to student teach only.

"There was just no possible way to get it in before graduation," she said.

This semester senior Kirsti Morin is travelling down the path of student teaching. Morin, an R.A. in Westmoreland, is also certifying to teach history and is currently doing her student teaching at Stafford Senior High School.

Richardson and Morin both said that the education department offered a bit of advice to both of them. "They advised me to put everything on hold," said Richardson. "That meant love life, social life—they even advised against having a job while student teaching."

Morin said, "For those of us who have friends who are not involved with student teaching, it's very hard for them to understand the amount of commitment and time that



Kirsti Morin writes in her education journal.

Photo Kim Stoker

certification takes."

She said, "For me, it's as if I'm in a limbo state. I'm out in the real world, yet I'm a senior in college, and I want to enjoy my last year too."

Both women experienced a sort of culture shock during their first few days in the classroom. Morin said, "It was strange to hear them say, 'Ms. Morin.' It was also strange to have to look professional at six in the morning, when usually I would just throw on a pair of sweats and go to class," she said.

"I ran out of clothes the first week,"

Richardson said, laughing. "I realized the second week that I had worn everything in my closet that looked professional," she said.

Richardson, who attended a small private school in Maryland, said that she was initially taken aback by the area's school system. "I wasn't used to big classes. The classes that I taught all had about 34 students in them. At my high school, the number of students in the class was 15 to 20," Richardson said.

Her student teaching took place last semester at Stafford Senior High

School. "I observed for a week and then I gradually took over," she said of her classes.

Richardson said that her first week in front of the class she was afraid that she wasn't going to do well. "I thought, 'I'm going to suck at this,'" she said.

"And as for the students, I didn't know how they were going to react to me the first day," Richardson said. "I wondered if they were going to start slapping highfives and acting up because they would have a student teacher for a while," she said, laughing.

"They try to test you a little bit,"

Morin said. "Because you're new, you don't know if they can eat or drink in class, so they get away with little things until you learn the school policies," she said.

Richardson said that there was added pressure to her first day because she was being observed by someone from the education department. "I thought that I had been double-slammed. The one thing that I wasn't worried about was being prepared to teach the subject itself," Richardson said.

"I had good training from the education department, as well as the

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Left, Mark Fritzel (far right) and Alyssa Watkins (second from left) play Monopoly with shelter residents. Below: Courtney Quillen covered with tar, poses next to a chimney.

## Hammers And Trays To Help Humanity

By Alicia Bartol  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Using hammers to build hope and waiters' trays to bring dignity, Mary Washington students will serve hundreds of Americans this spring.

Through Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), volunteers will spend spring break either working in a homeless shelter and soup kitchen in Baltimore or building homes for the organization Habitat for Humanity on Virginia's eastern shore.

"This is MWC's third year, but last year was the first time we offered two trips," said junior Shelley Ekermeyer, COAR special events chair.

According to senior Alyssa Watkins, the popularity of service trips over spring break is growing. "Eighteen people wanted to go on the Habitat trip this year," said Watkins. However, only 15 are allowed to go, said Watkins.

Watkins, who is going on the Habitat for Humanity trip, went on the Baltimore trip last spring. The Baltimore trip, which boasts a restaurant-style soup kitchen, involves a day-shelter run by the organization Catholic Charities. "The day-shelter" gives you a place to go when you have nowhere," said Ekermeyer.

"[The soup kitchen] serves breakfast for the elderly and lunch for everyone else," said Watkins. "You actually serve [the homeless], bring tea, bread, whatever they want. It takes away from the idea of it being a hand-out, gives them more respect."

Ekermeyer said, "In most soup-kitchens you stand in line like you're going to Seacobeck. This [soup kitchen] works more like a restaurant. They all sit at tables and you bring food to them. It



gives them a feeling of self-worth."

This concept is important to the homeless, whose loss of dignity is fed by society's often apathetic attitude towards them. Watkins said that many are unemployed or are recovering from substance abuse, but that the homeless are "like everyone else."

Watkins said, "I got a clearer view on the homeless and a better appreciation for what I have." However, she said she was left feeling depressed by the trip.

Watkins said she knows the Habitat trip will be more strenuous, but she expects it to be fun at the same time. She said that her service in the soup kitchen, although rewarding, did not have many long-term effects upon those she helped. In building homes,

Watkins said "I'll be doing something for the long-run."

Junior Courtney Quillen, who has worked on repairing and building houses with COAR for the last two spring breaks, affirms Watkins' expectations. "With Habitat for Humanity, you build a house from the ground up. He'd say, 'This is going to be my room,' and we could imagine it," said Quillen.

Volunteers often work with the family who will live in the home. In the Habitat for Humanity program, the future owners must work for the Habitat for 500 hours. This "sweat equity" can be paid by working on construction or in the

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## Professor Sculpts Image Of Ford Ford Presidency And The Effects Of The Media Examined In Book

By Joelle Mickelsen  
Bulletin Staff Writer

At the age of 33, Mark Rozell is an accomplished man. Having penned two books and edited a third, Rozell is working on publishing yet another. Rozell holds a B.A. in political science, an M.A. in public administration, a Ph.D. in American government and is associate professor of political science at Mary Washington College.

In his spare time, Rozell publishes opinion editorials for newspapers all over the country and receives calls from various journalists who want his opinion on the current political atmosphere.

In late August 1992, when the presidential candidates were deciding whether or not to hold debates, Rozell appeared on the "Today" show via satellite and was interviewed by Bryant Gumbel.

To Rozell, scholarship is something like artistry. He is as dedicated to his work as a sculptor is to his clay; it is a labor of love.

"I have always been interested in public affairs," Rozell said. "I followed campaigns like baseball." Rozell often spends 10 to 12 hours a day with his feet planted under his desk. His first book, "The Press and the Carter Presidency," published by Westview Press, was in print by December 1988. His second book,

"The Press and the Ford Presidency," published by the University of Michigan Press, was in print by September 1992.

Rozell is currently working on his third book, which deals with executive privilege - the right of the president to withhold information from Congress, the courts and the public. The book is under review for publication.

Researching the material for his books is time-consuming, according to Rozell. However, the information for "The Press and the Carter Presidency" was relatively close at hand. The Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, where Rozell did his graduate work, compiled the official oral history of the Carter administration.

However, getting Gerald Ford to talk to him was not an easy task for Rozell.

Rozell had to actively solicit an interview with Ford. Rozell said, "Ford was thoroughly maligned by the press," so obtaining an interview with the former president was

"Despite all the speculation of conspiracy theories and accusations of an unseemly deal, Ford pardoned Nixon because Ford thought it was the right thing to do."

- Mark Rozell,  
associate professor of political science

difficult. Rozell said he had to write a letter of inquiry and then submit all the questions that he planned to ask former President Ford.

After he was given the go-ahead, Rozell conducted the interview over the phone and recorded their conversation. Still, he was only able to talk to Ford for 20 minutes.

According to Rozell, although Ford pardoned Nixon, Ford was openly critical of Nixon during the interview. Rozell said he relied on Ford's former press aides to gather much of the first-hand information which he required.

Rozell said, "Despite all the speculation of conspiracy theories and accusations of an unseemly deal, Ford pardoned Nixon because Ford thought it was the right thing to do." This statement is an integral theory to Rozell's most recently published book.

He said, "You can't talk about the press image of Ford without talking about the Nixon pardon."

Both of Rozell's published books maintain that Ford and Carter suited the times in which they led. Rozell summarized, "[Journalists] have...idealistic recollections of former great presidents."

Rozell said, "Modern presidents are expected to conform to the

outlook and those who do not, regardless of the context in which [the presidents] lead, are judged to be failures."

Rozell said he believes that journalists have a simple understanding of the governing process. "Clinton is expected to be a bulldozer through Congress, [but the] process is more complex," he said.

Research, although a large part of Rozell's work, is not all he does. After collecting all the data, the writing process includes spending countless hours hammering out the pages. He then takes a finished product and presents his information at annual meetings of the American Political Association, at regional

political association meetings, and at presidential conferences.

He presented his theories on executive privilege and the Nixon administration at a Hofstra University conference where several important people were panelists, including Tom Brokaw, the NBC White House Correspondent during the Nixon administration.

"[Conferences] are where I try out my stuff," said Rozell. "This was an opportunity for others to comment on my research with the principle players present."

Having researched the material, written his findings and presented his work to those knowledgeable in the field, Rozell set out to find a publisher. According to Rozell, publication is a lengthy and harrowing process in which the publisher reviews and considers the work. If the publisher likes the work, they send the manuscript back with suggestions for revision, made by an anonymous reviewer. Rozell must then make the requested revisions and resubmit the book for publication.

Unlike many others, Rozell has had the tenacity and endurance to go through the process twice and now a third time.

Success in the scholarly publishing industry is not measured just quantitatively, but qualitatively as well. "The Press and the Carter Presidency" has sold 1500 copies.

Reviews for the book were largely complimentary; however, scholarly reviews are not exactly timely. In the April 1992 issue of the "Business Library Review," four years after the publication of "The Press and the Carter Presidency," a review appeared, praising the book's "vibrant style" and "fascinating passages."

Recent criticism of "The Press and the Ford Presidency" has not been as flattering. In the Feb. 20, 1993 Town & Country section of *The Free Lance-Star*, critic Gary P. Webb said that although Rozell makes some good points in the book, that some important aspects of the Ford presidency are ignored. Webb said Rozell displays his scholarship in an ostentatious manner, calling Rozell's style "pedagogic."

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Webb said, "A bit less of the classroom would be welcome, lest the reader prepare himself for a quiz or find his thoughts wandering to the next keg party."

However junior Curt Rose, a political science major, read the book while doing research for a paper and found it a helpful resource. "It helped guide me to different areas of thought about the press' outlook on the (Nixon) pardon," Rose said.

Rozell assigns "The Press of the Ford Presidency" as required reading for his classes on mass media and politics and for his class on the American presidency. He considered the assignment of his book to his students a part of scholarship.

"It's what I got into the business for

to communicate my ideas both inside the classroom and among my colleagues, and I think these two duties reinforce one another," said Rozell.

*"I can't believe I get paid for this. If I had the means to be the idle rich, I'd still do what I do."*

- Mark Rozell, associate professor of political science

Rozell said he feels that his proliferation of published works is natural side effect of his profession. "At a quality university, it is a standard that professors are scholars," he said.

And, of course, he loves his work. Rozell said, "I can't believe I get paid for this. If I had the means to be the idle rich, I'd still do what I do."

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Habitat's offices. "You actually meet the family members and kids, and you hear over and over how thankful they are," said Eckermeier.

Quillen said, "Everyone was so supportive. There was always food at the work site, everything you could imagine. You name it, it was there."

The students all commented on the generosity of the people. "You see a new side of the culture we're in," said Quillen. "I'm used to mid- to upper-class. I learned a lot about myself, and about them and their situation. We got to know them, and they touched our lives."

The feeling that they are accomplishing something causes many COAR volunteers to repeat the experience year after year, according to Eckermeier.

"Once you do it, you're hooked," said Eckermeier. "It's like you're addicted and you say, 'I have to have that feeling again.'"



Shelley Eckermeier performs her job as a COAR volunteer.

Photo Kim Stoker

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history department at the college, so I was comfortable on that level," Richardson said. "I realized that in front of the classroom that I had to act like I knew what I was doing. The realization came later that I did know and I relaxed," she said.

Richardson prepared for her days by trying to go to bed early the night before. "I would try to be in bed by 11 o'clock but that didn't always work," she said. "I would be up, looking over my lesson plans for the next day and revising them constantly."

Richardson prepared for her three classes, which included two 11th grade college-prep history classes and one ninth grade geography class, by doing outside research to maximize her class time by bringing in items that she thought were interesting and could add to her lesson plans.

"I spent a lot of time in the library at Mary Washington looking for interesting pictures, articles and facts to bring to them, and I spent a lot of

*"And as for the students, I didn't know how they were going to react to me the first day. I wondered if they were going to start slapping highfives and acting up because they would have a student teacher for a while."*

- Karen Richardson, student teacher

time in the music lab at Mary Washington finding different music to let them listen to," Richardson said.

"I found myself constantly revising my lesson plans even while in the class," she said. "You never know how the students are going to respond to a subject approach, so it was good for me to have a variety of things to do so I could switch and say, 'Why don't we do this?'" she said.

"I try to incorporate into my teaching style asking them a lot of questions to keep them involved in a discussion,

but it's not always that easy," she said.

Keeping the students interested has also meant listening to the students. Morin said, "I had a student come up to me, after class, while we were discussing the Civil War and ask if we could learn something else besides all the negative aspects. So I've been looking for different information."

Richardson said that she was also able to incorporate the things that she learned as a field hockey and lacrosse player into her classroom. "I think that teaching and coaching are closely

related. You have to learn what the right balance of discipline, praise and criticism is so that you don't alienate a student away from you and keep them motivated to learn," she said.

Richardson said that the two groups of diverse students, college-prep and standard, gave her an opportunity to deal with different student attitudes.

"There were times in the college-prep class that they were just unresponsive and bored," she said. "And then in the ninth grade geography class, the students are just hyper, and they don't want to pay attention," Richardson said.

"Those are the days that you realize that quitting is not an option, and that you have to get through it by believing that you can," she said.

Morin, who teaches a combination of college-prep and standard classes, has realized the differences in the classes.

"I have to work at motivating the students in the standard classes more," Morin said. "In the college-prep

classes, the kids are bored because they think they already know everything," she said.

Along with the days that nothing ever seems to go right, there are the days that do. "It's great when a student who's been having a hard time raises his hand in class to ask a question because they finally understand," Richardson said. "Or when you can just pull knowledge from a student."

Being in front of the classroom has changed Morin's view of her own personality. "If anything, you become aware that you are a role model for these kids," Morin said. "I know in high school, and even now in college, I looked up to my teachers and look up to my professors to a certain degree," she said.

Morin said she became more aware of her public life. She said one time one of her students asked her if she had been at Spanky's on Saturday night.

"I immediately started blushing," she said. "I try to be open with them, but there is a line," Morin said. "I have nothing

to hide, and I've seen student teachers become too personal with their students, and it backfires on them at the end," she said.

Morin said that the difference that she sees from her high school days and now is that many of the student do not seem to be concerned with education. "They seem more concerned with their jobs after school," she said.

Both women are involved with the James Farmer Scholars program and impressed with the students involved.

"I love it," Richardson said. "It's great to see young people so motivated to go on with their education that they're willing to come out early on a Saturday morning to learn," she said.

"It's the little things that keep me teaching," Richardson said.

*Dear Journal,*

*Yesterday was my first day of student teaching. It wasn't that bad. The students actually responded to me and asked me questions. I even knew some of the answers! Maybe I won't give up after all.*

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# Sports

## Lady Swimmers Are CAC Champs, Again, And Again

By Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor

History repeated itself for the fourth straight year as Mary Washington College's women's swim team won their third straight Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Championship.

Led by a host of different swimmers that included CAC Female Swimmer of the Year junior Shannon Hutcherson.

The Eagles received strong contributions from the whole team.

"We had just a tremendous meet," explained Coach Paul Richards. "We had expected to dominate, but not as much as we did."

MWC defeated its closest opponent, the Marymount Saints, by more than 350 points, 689 to 304.

The Eagles had two individual swimmers qualify for Nationals, Hutcherson and freshman Sarah King.

Also the women's 400 yard medley relay team with Hutcherson, juniors Amanda Clair, Amanda Dresser and Sarah Hertz qualified for the finals next month in Atlanta.

"We had super performances from everybody from the freshman all the way up to the senior," said Richards.

This victory was a win for the team. "The team performed brilliantly and everyone rose to the occasion," said junior Sarah Hertz.

Other winners for the Eagles included Clair in the 100 yard breaststroke and a new freshman Nancy McClain in the 200 yard butterfly.

"The team performed brilliantly and everyone rose to the occasion."

-Sarah Hertz  
junior swimmer



Two swimmers check the scoreboard at this weekend's Capital Athletic Conference Championship meet. Both the men's and women's teams captured their third straight CAC Championship.

Photo Brandon Kelly

## Bald Headed Eagles Win 3rd Title

By Tim Dwyer  
Bulletin Sports Editor

This past weekend one of the most common sites at Goodrick Hall's pool were bald headed eagles, as twelve members of Mary Washington College's men's swim team shaved their heads en route to a third straight Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Championship.

For the first time in three years, the men came into the meet as the underdog, having lost to Catholic University in a dual meet this past

"This one means more because it wasn't a blowout like the previous two."

-Al Wolstenholme  
junior swimmer

November.

The men defeated Catholic, the second place team by 38 points, 520-488.

"Our guys did a tremendous job," said Coach Paul Richards, who was named CAC Men's Coach of the Year.

Once again senior Matt Mejia qualified for Nationals in the 200 yard backstroke Sunday night with a time of 1:56. Earlier in the day he had missed the cut by .05 of a second.

"This one means more because it wasn't a blowout like the previous two," said junior Al Wolstenholme.

"We won this one as a team."

The Eagles got strong performances from everyone on the team. Senior

Kent Secker finished first in the 200 yard individual medley with a time 4:18.03.

"We won this one with depth," explained junior Whitby Joyner. "With every good swimmer Catholic had, we had two or three to match them."

The Eagles also got strong performances from seniors Bobby Kelly, Adam Owings, Josh Lantz and Mike Weil.

This weekend the Eagles will have a qualifying meet to try and get more swimmers to Nationals.



Freshman Robin Coates drives by a York defender.

## Women's B-Ball Streak Hits Nine Straight

By David Carey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Winning breeds winning," Mary Washington College Women's Basketball Coach Connie Gallaugh commented, with a smile on her face. This has certainly been the case with her team, as they have won their last nine games coming into tonight's Capital Athletic Conference tournament first-round matchup with St. Mary's.

The Eagles are taking things one step at a time as they head into the tournament, knowing that there are no easy ones when a conference title is on the line. Having made it to the finals the last two years, only to lose to Marymount, the Eagles seem on a mission to take what they believe is theirs.

"I think we'll win it, we've beaten everyone already, and I think we could do it again," said junior forward Chris Glesner.

In order to get the title that has eluded them for the last two years, the Eagles

must get by first round opponent St. Mary's, whom they have beaten twice already this season.

Talking about St. Mary's coach Gallaugh commented, "They have been struggling, but they have talent, with their guards, like ours."

"Unless we play well, there aren't any sure things. We need to do the little things. We are going to prepare seriously for this one," she said.

If the Eagles were to prevail over St. Mary's they would face the winner of the Gallaudee-York game. It was York who last beat Mary Washington, by the score of 88-66 in late January. Prior to the nine game winning streak the Eagles had lost five of their last eight games.

"The early losses helped us to see what our weaknesses are," said Gallaugh. "Now we are minimizing those weaknesses and exploiting our strengths."

The early season struggles were largely due to the fact that the Eagles were a fairly new team playing to-

gether. The more they play together the stronger the overall contribution has been.

"Jeanette (Alexander), Chris (Glesner), and Corinne (May) have been there all season," commented Gallaugh. "Steph Teter has stepped up, as well as Robin Coates. It's been a team effort."

Alexander has done the job on the boards for the whole season averaging 11.5 rebounds per game. She has led the team in rebounding for 10 out of the last 11 games, including a career high 22 against Shenandoah.

"Jeanette's awesome, we'd be in big trouble without her," said Glesner. Glesner has had an exceptional season in all aspects. Her scoring average has soared as of late, over the last three games she has averaged 22.3 points per game.

May is the team's scoring leader with an average of 15.7 points per game. Teter is only a freshman, but her game has looked at times like that of an upperclassman. She is averaging a team

high 3.5 assists per game. Coates has done a fine job off the bench providing key minutes, and a little scoring as well.

If the Eagles were to get by St. Mary's and their second round opponent, they would reach the finals for the third time in three years. There they would likely face the two-time defending champion in Marymount.

About a possible meeting with Marymount Gallaugh said, "I haven't really thought about it, but having lost to them the last two years, we'd like a rematch with them. If we're there, we want them to be there. Although there are weaker teams, we want them."

These two teams have met in the finals of a tournament for the last four years, two in the newly formed Capital Athletic Conference and two in a tournament which Marymount hosted, prior to the formation of the conference.

## Track Helped By "Krushing" Force

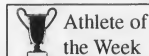
By Robert Sihler  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Senior runner Lesley Krush has compiled success after success here at MWC, and for her performances last week has been selected as the *Bullet* Athlete of the Week.

At the Mason-Dixon Conference meet, Krush was named Mason-Dixon Conference Female Athlete of the Week. Krush took first place in the 800 and 1500 meter runs, with times of 2:25 and 4:52, respectively. Additionally, the 4 X 400 relay team of which she is a member came in second.

Indoors, Lesley's events are those previously listed. She was also a member of the women's distance medley relay team which recently set a school record. Her best time in the 800 is 2:19, and her best time in the 1500 is 4:44. Both marks were set last season. Krush's chief goal is to qualify for Nationals in her events. Qualifying times are 4:45 for the 1500 and 2:19 for the 800, marks she has reached before and will strive to reach again.

Krush's honors include being named Female Athlete of the Week following



her performance at Catholic University's Cardinal Classic.

She also finished second in her conference during last year's indoor season in the 1500, and has scored numerous points to aid her team in each meet.

Krush began running track for a team in her freshman year of high school. A graduate of Chopticon High School in Maryland, Krush ran the same events there as she does at MWC. "I really started running when I was little like back in early elementary school. I enjoyed racing people," said Krush. In her junior year of high school, she finished second outdoors in her conference in the 1600. In her senior year, doing the same event, she won the conference and took third place in the state. Her abilities interested Coach Stan Soper here, and he got her running her freshman year.

"Lesley has been great to work with. She has a lot of talent," Soper said.

"Unfortunately, she has had a problem with being injured at some of the worst possible times. Hopefully, that won't happen this year."

To keep herself in shape and maintain her fierce competitiveness, Krush has to undergo conditioning that many non-runners might consider to be torture. "We work a lot on strength and speed," said Krush. "That means we lift weights, do a lot of running on hills, and do sprint workouts."

On "easy" days, Krush runs long distances to maintain endurance and keep loose.

As tough as they are, Krush is grateful for the workouts, as grateful as one can really be about hard running day after day. "I have improved every single year that I have been here," says Krush. "My times and my physical state just keep getting better."

Lesley Krush's mental state is not too shabby, either. As well as being an excellent athlete, she is a member of Chi Beta Phi, placing her among MWC's academically elite.

Krush hopes to enjoy the same success in the upcoming outdoor season, which will be her last season at MWC.

## Search For A Win Continues

By George Chase  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College lost a thriller to York (PA) in overtime, 81-78, on their last home game of the season. A packed crowd cheered the Eagles to one of their best games of the season, but a missed three point shot at the buzzer kept them from defeating Capital Athletic Conference powerhouse York.

The game marked the last home games for Richie Treger and Neil Gallagher, both four year players. Both players had large contributions, Treger had 11 points and four assists while Gallagher had six rebounds and kept York's centers quiet with his tough defense.

MWC defenders had their hands full trying to cover York star Jeff Mann, who scored 41 points, including six three-pointers. The Eagles (7-17, 4-8 in the CAC) came out of the gates quickly to lead 17-7 and rode a balanced scoring attack to a 37-36 halftime lead. The highlight of the half was a

crazy, over-the-backboard shot by Eagle Jeremy White (10 points) to beat the buzzer.

"We defended well early," said MWC coach Tom Davies. "And we also had some great offensive plays in the first half."

The Eagles kept up their intensity in the second half and lead by as many as eight points, but with five minutes to go Mann put on his shooting clinic and scored nine points in two minutes.

"We had trouble adjusting to Mann running off three and four screens," said Gallagher.

This put York down by one point with under three minutes to play, but MWC countered with a rebound and basket by Matt Seward, who had 12 points. With 10 seconds to play a York free throw tied the game at 71 and sent it into overtime.

A three point shot by David Winningham (15 points) had MWC up by one momentarily, but Mann ended up to be too much for the Eagles, he had six more points in the overtime period. MWC had the ball with 10

seconds to play but a desperation shot did not fall.

On Thursday evening the Eagles played host to the conference leading Catholic Cardinals and found themselves on the short end of a 89-63 score. Catholic was hot all night long, shooting 49 percent for the game. They were led by Michael Connelly, who had seven three-pointers and 27 points.

The Eagles had a rough night, shooting just 32 percent from the floor and could not seem to get on track, although Elgin Holston did have 18 points. Catholic had too many guys for MWC to handle and claimed the conference title with the victory.

The season is not quite over for the Eagles, there is still the Capital Athletic Conference tournament next week. MWC will play at St. Mary's tonight. The Eagles defeated St. Mary's in their two previous meetings this season.

# Entertainment

## The Leidecker Collection

### Art Displays Influence Of Asian Culture On America

By Mary Windhorst  
Bulletin Staff Writer

A gilded, black lacquer cabinet, a gleaming Buddha statue, and a colorful picture of various Hindu deities stand out in a room filled with exotic Asian objects as part of the new exhibit, "Oriental Philosophy in America: Kurt and Elsa Leidecker and Their Asian Collection" at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

According to Forrest McGill, director of the Mary Washington College galleries, more than 60 art works, memorabilia, souvenirs and historical documents are being shown in the exhibit.

Dr. Leidecker, a former MWC professor of Asian philosophy who passed away over a year ago, bequeathed his large collection of Asian and Asian influenced paintings, ritual objects and sculptures to the college.

McGill said the exhibit, which began Feb. 20 and continues until Aug. 1, has three main themes which should interest the visitor.

"The most important theme is the Leideckers' role in the ongoing process of familiarizing Americans with Asian culture," said McGill. "Subsidiary themes include the imagery of Hinduism and Buddhism as seen in the art objects of the Leidecker collection, as well as the theme of Asian influences on Western art."

According to McGill, the exhibit is a further symbol of the college's growing multicultural awareness.

David Ambuel, assistant professor of philosophy, who will be lecturing on "Leidecker as an Interpreter of Buddhism" in March, agreed.

"One of the things that is most attractive about the Leidecker exhibit is that it is a way to encounter different perspectives on life," said Ambuel. "The exhibit, as well as the study of Oriental philosophy as a whole, also offers people a chance to think about aspects of their own culture which they may have taken for granted."

Senior Dana Bradley said she is also pleased with the concept of the exhibit, which she helped put together.

"It's a really good example of non-Western art for the campus. Students can experience the exhibit as an example of Eastern art and culture, or they can use it as an opportunity to look deeper and gain an understanding of Eastern philosophy," said Bradley.

Bradley, like many of the other students who worked on the exhibit, visited the Leidecker home. She help pack and move objects and was also involved in deciding which objects were to be shown.

While the main purpose of the exhibit is to increase public awareness of an unfamiliar culture, McGill said the collection is also worthwhile because of the ample documentation which accompanies the artwork and places it into historical perspective.

"I think what makes the exhibit special for me is that we have almost everything that belongs to the Leideckers," said McGill. "The college has all of Dr. Leidecker's passports, airplane ticket stubs, and desk calendars. I mean we even know when the man went to the barber shop to get his hair cut."

Right: The Bronze Buddha from Thailand on top of elaborate set of gilded offering tables.

Bottom: Mary Jane Bohen at the Leidecker house. Many Asian works will be on display at the "Oriental Philosophy in America: Kurt and Elsa Leidecker and Their Asian Collection" at Ridderhof-Martin Gallery until Aug. 1.

Photos Kim Stoker



McGill said that the bills of sale, letters from the artists, and clippings from earlier art displays for many of the objects in the exhibition have been preserved. Visitors to the exhibit will have an opportunity to see much of this documentation as well as to learn the history behind the individual art objects.

A number of souvenirs and even some replicas will also appear in the exhibit. McGill explained that the college has decided to show the copies because they are an accepted part of Buddhist culture.

"In the Buddhist world, beautiful originals are often copied. Their copies are not intended to deceive. They're presented as a copy. Everybody knows it's a copy, and people buy it as a copy," said McGill.

McGill said the centerpiece of the exhibit is a 14th century bronze Buddha from Thailand which will be placed on top of an elaborate set of gilded offering tables

so that it resembles what one might find in a Buddhist temple.

Like so many of the works in the exhibit, the Buddha has a wonderful story behind it. According to McGill, when the Leideckers visited Thailand in 1957, the Buddhists were celebrating their jubilee year of 2500. Dr. Leidecker became friends with a man who wanted to make a gift of a Buddha to the American people in order to increase cultural understanding. The man explained his idea to some of the Buddhist monks, and eventually the Buddha was presented to Leidecker, who in turn, presented it to the Friends of Buddhism, Inc. in the U.S. Because the Friends of Buddhism did not have an official office, the Buddha was placed in the Leidecker home so that anyone who was interested could see it.

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## Movies

at Dodd Auditorium  
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 25 7:30/10  
"Boomerang"  
Monday, Mar. 1 7:30/10  
"Amazon Women on the Moon"

## Shows

Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 25-27;  
"The Boys Next Door," by Tom Griffin; Klein Theatre; Feb. 18-20 and 25-27 at 8 p.m., Feb. 21 and 28 at 2 p.m.; MWC ID free; \$5 general admission; 899-4330

Thursday, Feb. 25 Concert, Cavani String Quartet; duPont Hall, Klein Theatre; 8 p.m.; free

Sunday, Feb. 28; Walli Collins, comedian. 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.

## Exhibits

Feb. 17-24 Senior Exhibitions by Holly Dittmar and David A. Harris; duPont Galleries; Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.; free

Belmont Gallery  
224 Washington St.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 899-4860. MWC ID free.

Through March: "A Retrospective Survey of Works by Gari Melchers."

James Monroe Museum  
908 Charles St. 899-4559  
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\$3 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, MWC ID free.  
Through April 15: "Time Pieces: Monroe's Fascination with Clocks and Watches."  
Through May 2: "Images of a President: Portraits of James Monroe."

Feb. 20-Aug. 1 "Oriental Philosophy in America: Kurt and Elsa Leidecker and Their Asian Collection;" Ridderhof Martin Gallery; Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.; free

Feb. 20-Apr. 19 "The Artist Looks at Sister Artists;" Ridderhof Martin Gallery Lobby; Monday, Wednesday Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.; free

## Lectures

Wednesday, Feb. 24 "Reminiscing About the Leideckers," by Dr. George Van Sant, distinguished professor emeritus of philosophy; Ridderhof Martin Gallery; noon; free

Thursday, Feb. 25 "Just the Place for High Thinking and Low Living: The Art Colony of Old Lyme" by Jeffrey Anderson, director of the Florence Griswold Museum; Belmont; 7:30 p.m.; free

Thursday, Feb. 25 "Portrayals of the Buddha in the Arts of the West," by Dr. Forrest McGill, director MWC Galleries; Chandler 102; 4 p.m.; free

Monday, Mar. 1 "The Theoretical Roots of Contemporary Feminism: Simone de Beauvoir" by Dr. Craig Vasey, associate professor of philosophy; Trinkle B36; 6 p.m. class lecture open to the public; free.

Tuesday, Mar. 2 "Orchids" by Stephen Shifflett, horticulturist; Combs 200; 4 p.m.; free

## Take Note

Thursday, Feb. 25 Videoconference, "Adults as Students: Their Status and Role in Higher Education;" Center for Graduate and Continuing Education; Seacobeck 112; noon-2 p.m.; free

If you would like to announce any entertainment oriented events, contact Lori Betourne or Katherine Ashby at X4393

## You'll Want To Spend Time With "Boys Next Door"

By Katherine Ashby  
Bulletin Staff Entertainment Editor



Photo Thomas Park

Chris Mercurio as the frantic Arnold

"Hi. My name is Norman Bulansky. Welcome to my home — won't you please take a seat?"

But after you, Norman, played by Rob Lunger, invites the audience into the lives of four mentally challenged men. And I, for one, am very glad I took a seat. Watching Tom Griffin's "The Boys Next Door" is like eating something you really enjoy and realizing that it's also good for you.

Upon first taste, the play appears simply to be a comedy. Arnold coming home from the grocery store with nine boxes of Wheaties and seven heads of lettuce, Lucien's random outbursts, Norman's obsession with doughnuts and Barry's helpful golf hints are enough to keep the laughter coming. But after you swallow the good stuff, you realize that there's more. Watching Norman and Sheila, played by Tiffany Cochran, dancing at the center on Wednesday nights is a bittersweet moment you have to witness for yourself. Likewise, the scene between Barry, played by Chris Wright, and his father, played by Matthew Withers, evokes a feeling of sadness among the laughter.

The individual performances of the four men are absolutely brilliant. Jeff Torrence shines as Lucien P. Smith, who is the most mentally challenged of the four men and also the most lovable. His childlike excitement at the

simplest of things pulls the audience in and has us following every step he takes in his big, furry slippers. Torrence does an exceptional job with his soliloquy, simultaneously striking emotional cords and planting seeds of thought into the minds of those sitting in the theater.

Rob Lunger is equally as convincing in his role as Norman. He first draws us in with his colorful doughnut shop uniform and holds us there with his thoughts on Sheila, doughnuts and his keys.

As Arnold, Chris Mercurio is wonderfully amusing. He portrays Arnold's frantic nature effectively, contributing much of the comic element to the play.

Chris Wright as the schizophrenic Barry is also brilliant, harboring in himself a little of everyone.

Ranging from the demanding role of Lucien, to Clara, played by Sherika Wormley, who is very convincing as she screams "No!" and chases Norman off of the stage, all the performances are very strong. The production is a wonderful blend of laughter, sentiment and self-discovery.

So go take a seat on the couch with the boys next door. Laugh. See things from a different perspective. Laugh some more. You'll be glad you did.

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Other objects in the exhibit include a group of Thai crowned and bejeweled Buddha images, a 19th century Thai gilded manuscript cabinet which depicts scenes from the previous lives of the Buddha as well as a vivid description of sufferers in hell and numerous religious manuscripts some of which are made on palm leaves. The writing on this unique form of paper is incised with a sharp instrument and rubbed with soot to reveal the letters.

Like the bronze Buddha, many of the works in the Leidecker collection were gifts from Asian dignitaries.

"One of the most colorful paintings in the exhibit was a gift to the Leideckers from the prince of the province of Sikkim located near Nepal," said McGill.

Visitors to the exhibit can also see photos of the Leideckers with Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and part of the royal family Thailand,

as well as an extremely old and rare 1,000 year old stone image of the Buddhist deity Manjushri from Nepal.

Leidecker, who taught at MWC for a little over 25 years, enjoyed sharing his objects with members of the college community. George Van Sant, a distinguished professor emeritus of philosophy and a personal friend of the Leideckers said that many of the objects that people are going to see at the exhibition were used as teaching tools for his students.

"Dr. Leidecker and his wife were very gracious hosts. They often invited students to their home to show them their collection and now he's donated it all to the college," said Van Sant.

Van Sant added that Leidecker's enthusiasm for Asian culture had a great impact on his students.

"He had a number of distinguished students who worked under him. One young woman eventually became the

ambassador to Burundi. In fact, she was one of the youngest ambassadors in American history," said Van Sant.

According to Ambuel, the exhibit also shows how Asian art has influenced Western art. This collection will include some of the works of Steve Griffin, associate professor of art at MWC. Other Asian influenced objects include a portrait of Ghandi by the American artist Werner Drewes and a proposal for a Buddhist Center by the American Dorothy Donath drawn by Myron Hall.

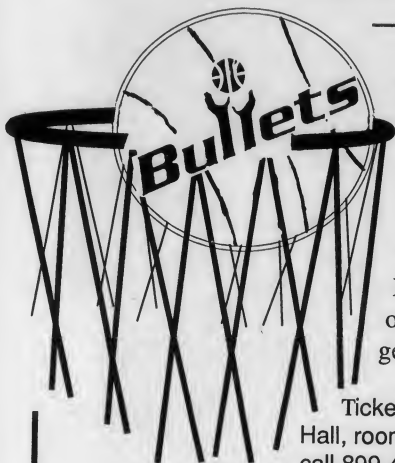
In addition to the numerous themes that McGill hopes the exhibit will portray, Van Sant said that the exhibit will help visitors gain a better understanding of MWC.

"This is a collection of a man in all his varied interests. It represents a bit of the fabric of what makes this an excellent institution. His objects are a visible, tangible remnant of one of the great teachers at MWC," said Van Sant.



Photo Kim Stoke.

These elephants are also from the personal collection of Kurt and Elsa Leidecker.



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## Chicago Bulls

Saturday, March 20

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8-9 p.m. - "Sexual Harassment on Campus", facilitated by Peer Educators in Meeting Room 2, Campus Center.

#### Thurs., Feb. 25

2-6 p.m. - Visit our table in the Campus Center  
5:30-9:30 p.m. - CPR 'B' class begins (cont.  
on March 4th from 5:30-9:30 p.m.), in Monroe Hall, Room 202. Taught by CPR teacher certified Peer Educators.

#### Tues., Feb. 23

1:10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Wellness Programs Office open house in Lee Hall, Room 011 (back of Health Center). Stop by to see what the Wellness Program offers, talk with Peer Educators, pick up **free "Wellness paraphernalia"** and

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. - Visit our table in Campus Center  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - "Panel Discussion on Affirmative Action" sponsored by Human Relations Peer Educators in Meeting Room 2, Director of Personnel, Robert Rycroft, Professor of Economics, and David White, Assistant Dean of Admissions

#### Wed. Feb. 24

11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.  
Visit our table in the Campus Center!  
8:30 - 9:30 - "**Sex, Booze & College Blues**" a peer Education program on important issues surrounding college life, in the Ballroom of Lee Hall.

#### Fri., Feb. 26

11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. - Last chance to pick up "goodies" and information from Peer Educators at our Wellness table in Campus Center!

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## Classifieds

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Seaton - Maybe I'll give you some of my lipo-sucked leg fat so you can attach it to various body parts of your body and thus have more to look at when you flex naked in front of your mirror. -Leg Lift Lady DAVE - Your my Ace of Spades! -Synchronized Smoking Partner To the ineffable Kong - I'm willing and ready, dahhhling... sink that line over into my pool. -Bait me! Bait me! Mike - You are my big lovey duvvy teddy bear. -Honex

Hey you, Lead singer of 3-D Popel - This is just for you. Let's keep it personal. Happy Birthday Stuu! -Love ya! Bean Brothel - Ten days 'til New Orleans. Just remember you can hold and consume but you can't buy! I'm Not babysitting you know who!! Love, Mom To the "females" - You guys still owe us a party!! We would like to have the party while we are still young and have teeth! Don't hold back!!!! -What are we? "MEN, huaaaa!"

Mike DC - Beware of imposters! Remember, I know how to superlatives correctly. Besides, I'm the only one who knows where that mole is on your inner thigh!

-the original Honex Bob Sihler - Can I have some dead flowers for my birthday?

Dave M. - Thank you for the Valentine's Day gift! Unfortunately, since I have to study, it won't be put to use. The thought is really appreciated.

-Love, Ang Hedda R. - You are the total eclipse of my heart.

Love, A. Chris Brady - You stud. I love you with or without hair!

-T-buddy Woody - With that face and that body, who could ask for anything more?

-Mr. A Deerdree - You know who you are! Keep up the stellar work.

-? Tim Rice - So you're a womanizer, eh? Prove it.

-M Melanic and Tracy - G-g-g-g-g! -guess who

Doctor, Doctor I've been playing with Rosey Palmer and I think I came down with something what do you think it is? I think you have a "Yi infection" son said the doctor.

Yosh - You can cook!! -Mas Wet Dreamers - Just for the Halibut, I decided to tell you that she drank like a...she drank a lot!

-Love, Jellyfish Maura - Let's transcend this place. Susan and Trish - If you guys don't live in Mason I will be mad!! I don't want to have to do karate on the both of you.

Love, Ang Nan - Do you have any idea what it is like to love and feel no love in return.

-The Big Turtle BA-V - No more purple funk guys!

R - To my grandmother - You got lucky at Elvira. I still want my European jewels, the family jewels just won't cut it.

-your secret lover Meliss - Thanks for the tour of Covington. An amazing town, I must say. Sort of reminds me of New York. You're a sweetie. I'm glad we'll be roomies next year. What are we gonna name our guinea pig? Okay..How's Mom?

Love ya, Linda Megan - Guess that "MPD" took control on Valentine's day. So did that fiery red-head's body ever quit? We hear Chris is still smiling-must have been the whips, chains, and handcuffs to boot! You love goddess!

-The Sticky & Long Islander Karen - Cinch it! Would you like socks to go with it? Definitely! Amanda and Ashley - Please stay off my bed! Thanks.

-Love, Your favorite Oriental buddy To the Chivalry "ladies" - I guess there's no use begging for mercy, but I didn't get you THAT bad last year, did I? Just spare my toothpaste-Please! (And don't embarrass me too much b/c I don't need Jr. Ring Week as an excuse for paybacks!) Jen-did he ever call back? I think guys at MWC could use a pulse-check these days.

-Roma C.D. - Good luck with dune!

-I.B. To whom it may concern, HELP! The Yi infection is spreading through the entire Marshall Hall, especially on second floor!!!! It really hurts and it is fatal!!! Watch out for it!

-Someone who is dying a painful death. BIG DADDY - She's got the butt!!!! Trust me!

-Your roomie, down South Ronna - Ouch! -You know who J+L - Just looking at the person behind you. Don't let those egos get too big.

Mr. Brecher L.V. - Thanks for the advice. I may actually take it! Wouldn't that be a surprise?

-I.B. The Mouth - Maybe someday you'll have a life of your own so you can keep your nose out of other people's business. We still remember about the 2-on-1 in C.K.'s cherokee last year.

-Mr. Stubbles Steve Blankenship - You're killing me. Lefties - No one will come here but rusty faced sheep if you keep your current stinking reforms and mind games. We will be free!!!

George - You're disgusting and inconsiderate. Lack of tact. Tone up and get some manners. Seattle - Hope all's well with you. Yo, you still got those lips and dude, all I gotta say is 'Yoyoma'!

-Who's That Black Diamonds - You are AT+T, don't forget it! Babes. One day this will be your campus!! Just keep working hard and drink your milk.

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-D Can't we wall just get along? -Eric Thorne Dear Tiffany - Thanks for the Bear. I'm mad sorry 'bout this weekend, I promise I'll make it up.

-Love, D To the chick on 3rd west who gives her underwear to pool cleaners, I'm dying to meet you.

-A guy Westmoreland 213 - Bubba loves you. -From one Bubba Luke - Moss Isles Spaceport. You will never find a more wretched hole of scum and villany. We must be cautious.

-Ben JC. - A won't marry you she found out what you did with the sunflower seeds. Better luck next time.

-gainte Craig - Good luck at Tech on the 27th. Run fast. Dreams are often where the truth is revealed to us.

-L.H. Mrs. Scott - There's a danger in loving somebody too much. But in the end it was your heart you could trust.

Maybe love just is enough. Congratulations. We love you. But if he hurts you again - his ass is grass and we're the lawnmower.

-Nik & Lin & Stace & Beth Kervin's Cuties - "Way to beat that soccer team."

Love, Coach K. Drug Buddy - Say Hello in There. Say Hello. Chuck - What's up Baby?

Horsey - Congratulations! In lots of pain - Ever try 'Depends' for that nasty wetness problem? Also, try Tylenol for the pain. If that doesn't work - Get Laid.

"MD" NgoZi - I may only be a little Sophomore but you still better treat me like a king!

King K

Hey Mortar Board! - Great job this week! I think we all had plenty of Ice Cream! Good Luck to all the Juniors who applied for MB!

-Suz Amy, the wild woman - You've done an incredible job with MB this year! Keep up all the great work with MB, SA, & everything else that you're gotten yourself into!

-Suz IF I HAD IT ALL TO DO AGAIN, I NEVER WOULD HAVE APPLIED TO THIS SCHOOL.

-FILLED WITH HATRED Amy Beth - Happy Birthday Yesterday! We love ya babe.

Judao & Conchita Happy Birthday Munge! Hope your 20th is great. By the way, where did that cephalopod go?

Has Hechinger's called? -CA and Kelley Hey J - My rib kind of hurts- do you think I came from a jerk?

-Eve Jen Rice - Your interviews are the highlight of my week.

-Dick M. Bethie - Who knows maybe this ones for you! "Something grabs a hold of me tightly." Bonzai Japanese guys at Twisters. Fountains wading study breaks. You've been with me through it all. Yes, we're different but when we click-lock out.

-Love ya, the out of control blue eyed blond. Corinne - Yeah, you do have a good jump shot but I think mine is better!

Wanna battle? -King K Kid Rice - Roses are red Some shirts need hems

I know you wanted a tape of the Violent Femmes, but instead I'm sending this note- Let's transfer + drink kigs you silly of goat. Kim - Well, here it is.

-Eric Police Woman - Get your surveillance equipment and disguise ready!

-Deep Throat Jeanette - Hurry up and get your 'S' read y because my girls can't wait to embarrass you guys.

-Luv ya, Kerwin(King) Skippy - Who the hell is Dan Corbin?

Dave James - How are you? The weather is here. I wish you were beautiful.

-Love, Sweet Sweet Connie L'il Devil - Good luck with your new valentine.

-love, me "Why do you Madison guys think you're so hot?"

Sex Goddess - Thought you got me, didn't you? At least I have a man!

-Love ya! Lil Devil Hey Tracy - What's the probability that I get straight A's and you go out and party all the time?

-Love, Ang Kelly - We're sorry. Megs - Wipe that smirk off your face.

Dinky - Be sure to come to the werewolves R U meeting. Chandelier swinging guidebooks will be distributed.

"Howlelula" Jute - Four bottles for the busride? That'll do!! After break, let's drop out and be ski-bums okay? Please don't send me to S.A.!

-Love, Roomy Roomie Oatmeal Dancers - Sorry about the dance. I swear it works! I promise it'll bring snow next time!

-Love, Jen You are really neat, Lisa.....

-Mr. P. G

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tance of religious beliefs, according to Stephanie Singer, assistant dean for residence life and chairperson of the R.A. selection committee.

"Throughout training we promote an understanding of people's differences," Singer said.

But she added that in light of complaints about several R.A.s who are members of IV, there is a need to focus more directly on the issue of these R.A.s' intolerance of religious diversity.

"Any conflict with their personal values should make them think about whether or not they can do the job," Singer said.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at MWC is one of the many chapters of the international organization. The Fellowship's informational pamphlet describes I.V. as "a student led organization of men and women dedicated to provide interested students with knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Through Friday night meetings, small Bible studies, weekly prayer meetings and off-campus retreats, I.V. members have opportunities to pray, worship, study and discuss their beliefs.

One resident who claims that she experienced an intolerance of her religious beliefs by her R.A. is sophomore Heather Pawson. She said her interaction with her R.A. in Randolph Hall last year "always involved Christ."

Though Pawson is Catholic and her roommate is Baptist, Pawson remembers her R.A. telling them that they were not Christians. Pawson also remembers her R.A. referring to a book which termed Catholics as "dregs of Satan."

Pawson said that her R.A. ap-

proached her each week, asking her to attend I.V. meetings and take part in weekly Bible study sessions. She said when she declined, her R.A. made her "feel less" for not attending.

"She alienated me from the rest of my hallmates (who attended the R.A.'s church and Bible study programs)," Pawson said.

Pawson also said that program s her R.A. offered were limited to religious topics.

"No information was provided on health issues, birth control issues - issues so important for freshman women to know about," Pawson said. But Pawson's former R.A., who said she wished to remain anonymous because she has applied for an R.A. position, said she did not alienate Pawson and did not abuse her power as an R.A.

"I made no effort to alienate her," she said. "The things we do as students are sometimes misconstrued as abuses of authority. Because you're an R.A. 24 [hours] - 7 [days], your residents are always viewing you as an authority figure."

In reference to the complaints, Pawson's R.A. said, "That was their opinion. I can't make judgments on their perceptions."

Pawson is not the only student voicing complaints about an R.A. in I.V. Junior Dana Glenn feels that her R.A., also an I.V. member, misused her authority and failed to be tolerant of residents' religious beliefs.

In describing her R.A.'s attitude, Glenn said the ideology was "this is my way, and my way is the only way."

"As an agnostic, I don't feel that my R.A. would be sensitive to my beliefs

and my value system," Glenn said. Sophomore Sean Lynch, an R.A. in Randolph who is not involved with I.V., said the R.A. staff needs to be more open minded and tolerant of differences in beliefs. He said several residents have complained to him that their R.A.s tried to recruit them into I.V. and that the R.A.s weren't helpful to students who weren't interested in I.V.

"Catholic and Jewish residents have felt as though R.A.s have turned their backs on them," Lynch said. "If the students don't fit the model, then the (I.V.) R.A.s aren't interested in those residents."

As a result of many complaints in Randolph Hall this year, Assistant Dean Peter Langton held a discussion concerning diversity. Lynch said the problem has gotten better but that the issue should continue to be addressed.

"Those (religious) views can't be carried into the job," Lynch said. Many R.A.s who are members of I.V. said that although their religious beliefs are important to them, they are able to separate their views from their work.

"For me, Christianity is a way of life," said Sara Grant, an R.A. in Randolph. "I can't separate it from my character."

But Grant, who has already been rehired for next year's R.A. staff, added, "I signed the contract agreeing to be open to all orientations and faiths and I intended to keep up my end of the agreement. My job has never, ever been an avenue to further those (religious) goals."

Another R.A. also said she had never used her position to preach to her residents but acknowledged that she could not accept religious beliefs different from her own.

"The politically correct view is to accept all ways as ways to God, but Christians can't believe that," said Mason Hall R.A. Andrea Scharfe. "Jesus said I am they way, the truth and the life, so I can't say that all

religions are the same."

But, Scharfe added, "I have never preached to residents."

A second year R.A., Scharfe said she decided not to reapply for the R.A. position because of residents' misconceptions about the role of her religious beliefs in her duty as an R.A.

Five of the eight R.A.s in Mason Hall belong to I.V. and one resident said, "It seems like they meant for it to be that way so they could recruit new people."

Chelle Street, president of I.V. and an R.A. in Virginia Hall, said I.V. members are encouraged to be involved in a variety of campus activities.

"We do not desire for I.V. to be a clique," she said. "Our main goal is to love our campus for Jesus Christ."

But according to junior Scooter Woodliffe, loving the campus may not be I.V.'s only goal for the campus.

Woodliffe said when he attended an I.V. meeting in 1991, the group leader proclaimed, "We are here to reclaim Jesus' campus."

Street said her religious beliefs and many I.V. members' beliefs are a part of their character and that she and other members want to share their beliefs with others.

"It's not religion that I take off and put on. When somebody chooses Christ, they want to share his love with the people around them," she said.

Street said that I.V. has at least 150 active members but that membership may be as high as 200.

"It's hard to say who's a member" due to the open atmosphere and various activities of I.V., Street said.

Jim Goehring, an MWC religion professor who has spoken on campus about cults, said he understands the need for some people to try to impress their beliefs on others but also understands the problems that can arise when this is done.

"Students can't complain about the nature of religious beliefs. Believers have the right to convert if that is their creed."

He said it is up to the college, however, "to make sure that R.A.s aren't using their authority to proselytize."

"The college is governed by the notion of separation," he said, and should "assert the Statement of Community Values and Behavioral Expectations."

Despite this statement, at least two students have voiced complaints

about R.A.s' negative opinions about gays.

A junior in Willard said she witnessed an I.V. R.A. discriminate

because of the R.A.'s beliefs. The Willard resident said, "She [the R.A.] said we had to feel sorry for the gays."

Pawson also voiced her concern about the interference of religious beliefs with R.A. duties and referred to an I.V. meeting visited by a "cured homosexual" entitled "Born Again Straight." Pawson said she wondered how the I.V. R.A.s would treat a homosexual resident.

In response, Scharfe said, "It is not my job to judge people about their sin. I wouldn't try to convict them of their sin."

In addition to Mason and Randolph, residents of several other dorms have complained that their R.A.s misuse their authority and lack tolerance of diverse beliefs.

Residents of Russell Hall have also complained about their R.A.s' misuse of authority, according to Kim Coleman, assistant dean for residence life.

"All R.A.s need to be doing something educational so students know who to go to if they feel uncomfortable being approached," Coleman said.

Scott Smith, a third year R.A. in Willard Hall, said, "This past year, it seems like a huge number of people picked for R.A. positions are I.V. It was phenomenal."

"I see some of the R.A.s using [their position of authority] to convert [their residents to Christianity]. I really do," Smith added.


Smith said that because MWC has community standards and a statement of non-discrimination "a threat to anyone's belief is strong enough for the administration's action."

Peter Lefferts, dean of residence life, said that potential changes in the R.A. handbook as well as a specific focus on tolerance of religious diversity in R.A. training are under consideration.

"As a violation of our Community Standards, intolerance is not an adherence to one of our common values, which is to accept and respect diversity," he said.

He said potential R.A.s are not asked about their religious beliefs when they apply for the job.

Assistant Dean Singer said, "I would encourage any resident to talk to their R.A., and if they're not satisfied with that, then to talk to their supervisor about the problem."



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